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POWERS AND CHINA.

British Memorandum Proposals.

THE FULL TEXT.

Growing Nationalist Movement Recognised.

FACING THE REALITIES.

Friendly Gesture Towards Chinese People.

The full text of the British memorandum to the Powers with regard to China, which has been described as a State document of vital importance, is published below.

The memorandum, besides reviewing the facts of the position in China to-day, makes concrete proposals for demonstrating the friendship of the Powers towards the Chinese people.

Growing Anxiety.
The memorandum is as follows:—

"For some time past His Majesty's Government have watched with growing anxiety the situation in China and they believe that this anxiety will be shared by the governments of the interested Powers. Five years ago the Powers assembled at Washington and taking into consideration the circumstances then existing in China they agreed amongst themselves, in conjunction with representatives of the Chinese government, that their future policy should be guided by certain general principles designed to safeguard the integrity and independence of China, to promote her political and economic development and the rehabilitation of her finances. It was agreed to grant her certain increases on her treaty tariff in order to provide the revenue required for these purposes. It was further agreed that a Commission should examine the question of extraterritoriality with a view to amending the system now in force by the elimination of abuses and accretions and by the removal of unnecessary limitations on China's sovereignty.

Tariff Conference Ends.
"2. Unfortunately the Tariff Conference did not meet for four years and during that period the situation had greatly deteriorated. During a succession of civil wars the authority of the Peking government had diminished almost to vanishing point, while in the south a powerful Nationalist Government at Canton definitely disputed the right of the government at Peking to speak on behalf of China or enter into binding engagements in her name. This process of disintegration, of civil war and wane of central authority continued with increased acceleration after the Tariff Conference had met until eventually conference negotiations came to an end because there was no longer a government with whom to negotiate.

Strictly Neutral.
"3. The Commission on extraterritoriality has meanwhile completed its labours and presented its reports, but here again we are faced with a similar difficulty due to the disintegration of China. Recommendations contained in the report, while suggesting certain reforms capable of being carried into immediate effect, pre-suppose for their full execution the existence of a government possessing authority to enter into engagements on behalf of the whole of China.

"4. During all these civil wars it has been the consistent policy of His Majesty's Government to abstain from any interference between warring factions or rival governments. Despite disorders which civil-war engenders and grievous losses inflicted on vast commercial interests both Chinese and foreign, His Majesty's Government have declined to associate themselves with any particular faction or to interfere in any way in civil commotions. His Majesty's Government believe that the Powers have adopted a similar attitude and that this is and will continue to be the only rightful attitude to maintain.

Nationalist Movement.
"5. The situation which exists in China to-day is thus entirely different from that which faced the Powers at the time they framed the Washington treaties. In the present state of confusion, though some progress has been made by means of local negotiation and agreements with regional governments, it has not been possible for the Powers to proceed with the larger programme of treaty revision which was foreshadowed at Washington or

to arrive at a settlement of any of the outstanding questions relating to the position of foreigners in China. The political disintegration in China has however been accompanied by a powerful nationalist movement which aimed at gaining for China an equal place among the nations and any failure to meet this movement with sympathy and understanding would not respond to the real intentions of the Powers towards China.

Britain's Policy.
"6. His Majesty's Government after carefully reviewing the position desire to submit their considered opinion as to the course which the Washington Treaty Powers should now adopt. His Majesty's Government propose that these governments shall issue a statement setting forth the essential facts of the situation; declaring their readiness to negotiate on treaty revision and all other outstanding questions as soon as the Chinese themselves have constituted a government to pursue a constructive policy in harmony with the spirit of the Washington Conference but developed and adapted to meet the altered circumstances of the present time.

Treaty Revision Claims.
While calling upon China to maintain that respect for the sanctity of the treaties which is the primary obligation common to all civilized States, the Powers should yet recognize both the essential justice of the Chinese claim for treaty revision and the difficulty under present conditions of negotiating new treaties in the place of old, and they should therefore modify their traditional attitude of rigid insistence on the strict letter of their rights. During this period of very prolonged period of uncertainty the Powers can only, in the view of His Majesty's Government, adopt an expectant attitude and endeavour to shape development so far as possible in conformity with the realities of the situation, so that ultimately, when treaty revision becomes possible, it will be found that part at least of the revision has already been effected on satisfactory lines. It would therefore be wise to abandon the policy of ineffective protest over minor matters, reserving protest which should then be made effective by united action—for cases where vital interests are at stake. Every case should be considered on its merits and the declaration should show that the Powers are prepared to consider in a sympathetic spirit any reasonable proposals that Chinese authorities wherever situated may make, even if contrary to strict interpretation of treaty rights, in return for fair and considerate treatment of foreign interests by them. Declaration should show that it is the policy of the Powers to endeavour to maintain harmonious relations with China without waiting or insisting on the prior establishment of a strong Central Government.

Extraordinary Problems.
"8. It is the earnest hope of His Majesty's Government that the

CHINA POLICY.

Powers and Britain's Note.

GENERALLY WELL RECEIVED.

London, Dec. 29.
It is learned in diplomatic quarters in London that the British Government has received no official replies from the Powers to the memorandum with regard to China, but there is reason to believe that the memorandum has been generally well received, especially by countries such as Italy, Belgium and the United States, although the attitude of France is reserved, while Japan at present is inclined to be critical.

It is thought that the proposals of the memorandum, especially with regard to the immediate imposition of the Washington surtaxes, are likely to be accepted by all parties in China, although as the British suggestions are not favoured by either side they cannot be expected to be received with enthusiasm by either side.—Reuter.

Peking's Decision.
Peking, Dec. 29.
The dismissal of Cheng Chien from the post of Chief of the Political Bureau is confirmed, but reliable circles deny that Yang Yuting has been dismissed from the chief advisership.

It is now stated that Yang Yuting urged the adoption of one of two courses,—firstly a compromise with the Kuomintang and abandonment of the campaign; or, failing that, most vigorous prosecution of the campaign both against the Kuomintang and Kuomintang.

The latter course is being adopted, and evidently preparations are rapidly going on for a struggle on a very large scale.—Reuter.

Powers will agree to adopt the principles of policy outlined above and apply them to the realities of the present situation. Certain recommendations in the report of the Commission on Extra-territoriality referred to in paragraph 3 above, and certain other reforms not covered by that Commission's report but falling under the general heading of extra-territoriality, can be carried into effect, even in present conditions, without great delay. There is however one step of more immediate importance which in the view of His Majesty's Government the Powers should agree to take at once. His Majesty's Government believe that an endeavour should be made to undo the evil results which have followed from the failure of the Tariff Conference to implement the promises as to tariff increases made by the Powers to China nearly five years ago, and they propose therefore that the Powers should agree to the immediate unconditional grant of the Washington surtaxes.

"9. By the China Customs Treaty, signed at Washington, on February 6, 1922, the Powers promised the grant to China of certain tariff increases (commonly known as the 'Washington' surtaxes) 'for such purposes and under such conditions' as a special conference might determine. That special conference in the Tariff Conference which, after a delay of nearly four years, met in Peking on October 20th, 1925, and has now to all intents and purposes definitely failed. The promised surtaxes have not been granted. The foreign delegations were not satisfied with the assurances which the Chinese delegation offered at the session of March 18th, as to the purposes to which the Chinese government would themselves devote the proceeds of the surtaxes. They were prepared to grant them only on conditions which ensured that the proceeds would be placed under foreign control and applied in great part to the liquidation of unsecured debt.

Unsecured Debts.
"10. From the very outset His Majesty's Government were opposed to the question of unsecured debt being dealt with by the Tariff Conference at all and they frankly expressed this view in a confidential memorandum communicated to the consortium Powers early in 1922. They foresaw that it might defeat the intentions of the Washington Conference which were to assist the economic and political development of China and to relax, not to tighten, foreign control.

RELIEF OF SIANFU.

DRAMATIC END OF TERRIBLE SIEGE.

Touching Incidents.

STARVING INHABITANTS WEEP FOR JOY.

The sudden and dramatic end of the long struggle which has raged for six months round Sianfu is described in despatches from there, dated November 29, which have just reached Peking.

All day on November 27, Marshal Feng Yu-shiang's relieving force attacked strongly without result and it seemed to the inhabitants of the beleaguered city that there was no hope, but next morning the dawn revealed that Liu Chen-hua's army had been routed.

The glad news spread like wildfire. Thousands streamed from the gates to breathe again the free air and see for themselves the deserted trenches and greet the rescuers.

Streams of villagers soon made to the city, bringing bags of millet and wheat and baskets of turnips, onions, eggs and bread. These ordinarily prosaic commodities were handled with awe as though they were the rarest and most precious jewels.

"SUNNING" TRIAL.

Cabin Boy and Ship's Property.

MAGISTRATE'S COMMENT.

Further evidence in connection with the "Sunning" piracy case was given before Mr. R. E. Lindsay at the Central Magistracy this morning, the Crown Solicitor calling a number of Chinese 'boys' employed on board the vessel.

Wong Ngok, the Chief Engineer's 'boy' said that he was in the pantry when the pirates entered and ordered him to go to his own cabin, where he remained until dinner time. Witness remained there until shortly after mid-night when the shooting commenced on the bridge.

Continuing, witness said that he saw six pirates taking a meal in the saloon. The 2nd defendant was there with a rifle, and the 1st accused was also present. Witness subsequently went to the poop deck where he hid in a dog pen until after the pirates had left the ship.

The next witness called was a pantry boy who gave similar evidence, adding that he had been wounded in the arm by a bullet fired by one of the pirates. That necessitated his admission to hospital upon arrival in Hong Kong.

A first-class cabin boy said that he was forced to stay in the saloon until midnight. He identified the 1st accused as the man who compelled him to open the door of the commodore's cabin. He saw the 1st accused take some money from the commodore's safe.

Cross-examined by the 1st accused, witness said that the door of the commodore's cabin was locked with a spring lock. His Worship: Why did you open the door?—He would have broken it down.

His Worship: Why didn't you let him do so?—It would have damaged the door.

His Worship: Oh! You were very thoughtful of the ship's property.

Asked by the 1st accused whether he was prepared to swear that he was the man who took the money from the safe, witness said that he was quite certain. He saw him take the money and put it in a rattan basket.

His Worship: What kind of basket?—A basket used for a Chinese tea pot.

NEW YEAR.

"China Mail" Publishing Times.

The "China Mail" will be published at mid-day to-morrow, Friday, but will not be published on New Year's Day, Saturday. It will be published again on Monday at mid-day. The "Sunday Herald" will be published on Sunday in the ordinary way.

By afternoon cartloads of vegetables were rolling into the city and people crowded around with tears of joy streaming down their faces.

Over 15,000 Deaths.
For more than a month people had been dying of starvation and cold at the rate of five hundred a day, this figure occasionally exceeding a thousand when the weather was more than usually severe.

According to the most conservative estimate there were between 15,000 and 20,000 deaths during the siege, not including those killed by stray bullets and fragments of shells.

Sianfu has been ruined and the merchants say that it will take at least twenty years to recover anything like its former prosperity. Many shops and houses have been gutted and stripped of all timber as well as looted. Trees have disappeared.

On top of trade losses the merchants and people have had to provide the military with funds exceeding \$2,000,000.

Speaking of the foreign community's experience, the despatches state that in spite of several foreign houses being hit by shells and peppered by bullets, no one was injured, though many had narrow escapes.

The Mission Hospital rendered splendid service all through in spite of the very heavy strain on the doctors and nurses.—Reuter.

WARMER.

EFFECTS OF MONSOON MODERATING.

"N.E. winds, moderate; fine, warmer" is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Pressure has increased moderately from N.E. Japan to the Bonins. It is nearly stationary from Indo-China to the Philippines and has decreased slightly to moderately elsewhere.

The anticyclone has weakened and moved eastward. It is now central over the Yellow Sea.

The monsoon will moderate along the coast and over the China sea.

HONG KONG HOTEL GRILL.

The interesting announcement is made by the Hong Kong Hotel in their advertisement on page 6 that the grill room a la carte service—suspended since the fire a year ago—will be started again in the roof garden, beginning with tiffin on Saturday, New Year's Day. Combined with this attraction, of course, are the usual grill room dinner dances. Dinners are served between 7.30 and 10 p.m. and dancing continues till midnight—Sundays, of course, excepted. With this latest change, the table d'hôte meals will be served in the dining room instead.

MONDAY A HOLIDAY.

Monday will be a general holiday, the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce having approached the Government to make it so at the request of the Exchange Banks.

Feeling the winter chill, two coolies settled down for the night in a matchbox, unaware that all means of egress for the fumes of a charcoal fire had been closed. Both men were found asphyxiated when a comrade visited the matchbox yesterday morning.

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from Shanghai.
Miss Simmons, Bowen Road, from
Yokohama.E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong Station, Dec. 23, 1926.EASTERN EXTENSION
AUSTRALASIA & CHINA
TELEGRAPH CO.List of Unclaimed Telegrams
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Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1926.

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1927.
Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1926.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S
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NICARAGUA.

UNITED STATES ACTION
CRITICISED.

DANGER OF WAR POLICY.

London, Dec. 29.
The "Daily News," commenting
on the United States' action in
Nicaragua, declares the proceedings
are generally accepted throughout
the United States and Latin Amer-
ica as an attempt to hit the Mexican
Government by destroying Mexican
influence in the Caribbean.The paper does not believe that
American statesmanship has either
the desire or intention to make war
on Mexico, but is of opinion that
there is confusion and a certain
lack of candour about the American
policy towards Mexico which might
easily drift into war policy.—Reu-
ter.

Liberals' Protest.

Washington, Dec. 29.
The envoy of Sr. Sacaas' liberal
government has sent to the United
States State Department a formal
protest against the operations of
American forces on Nicaraguan
soil, accusing Admiral Latimer of
establishing a censorship in viola-
tion of international law.Both the State and the Navy
Departments deny knowledge of
the censorship. It is thought un-
likely that the protest will be an-
swered as the United States does not
recognise Sr. Sacaas.It is declared at the White House
that the United States' only object
is the protection of American life
and property.—Reuter's American
Service.

Conflicting Viewpoints.

Managua, Dec. 29.
The Liberal forces have followed
up their success in the recent battle
by annihilating the Government
rear guard. It is stated the
Liberals outnumbered the Conser-
vatives, who totalled 1,500. More-
over, the latter run short of am-
munition, and their machine-guns
were not ready for their opponents'
light artillery.Six hundred Conservatives who
retreated to El Bluff were disarmed
by United States naval men, as
Admiral Latimer declared that it
was a neutral zone.At Washington the situation in
Nicaragua is having the earnest
attention of all parties, and is
arousing very warm controversies.
The view expressed in radical
quarters suggests that it is a strug-
gle by illiterate Indians and Ne-
groes, who, filled with hopes by the
Calles regime of Mexico, are en-
deavouring to overthrow the aristo-
cracy, largely of Spanish descent,
in the west coast towns. On the
contrary, Senator Borah's opinion
is that a large part of the revolu-
tion has been instigated and
directed by Washington business
interests, hence there is trouble
brewing in the Senate.Meantime the State Department
is determined to hold Sacaas in
check.The spokesman of the White
House asserts that whenever con-
ditions like those in Nicaragua are
going on, it means trouble for
United States citizens and property,
with the result that the United
States generally find it necessary
to take action, but "the United
States never takes sides."—Reuter's
American Service.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK.

Rugby, Dec. 29.
The Duke and Duchess of York
returned to London yesterday from
Sandringham, where, with other
members of the Royal family, they
have spent Christmas with the
King and Queen.They are now engaged in final
preparations for their visit to New
Zealand and Australia.The battleship "Reynown" by
which they will travel, will leave
Portsmouth to-morrow week, pro-
ceeding via the Panama Canal to
New Zealand, and thence to Aus-
tralia.—British Wireless Service.Rome, December 29.—The Italo-
German treaty of friendship and
arbitration has been concluded
and will be signed to-day. It is
regarded as one of the most im-
portant developments in Italian
foreign policy.—Reuter.As a sequel to the Salkung piracy
case, an application was made be-
fore Mr. T. Ainsworth at the Kow-
loon Magistracy yesterday after-
noon for the confiscation of the re-
volver which had figured as an ex-
hibit in the recent trial. His Wor-
ship granted the application.Rugby, December 29.—Sir
Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister,
and his party, who arrived in
Naples yesterday in an aeroplane
designed for the new Empire
route to India, is due to reach
Malta to-day, and will proceed
early to-morrow to Homs, on the
Tripoli coast.—British Wireless
Service.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN"
TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.Modern considerations throw
an odd and rather cynical light on
the Victorian folk presented in
Ernst Lubitsch's piquant and
penetrating adaptation of Wilde's
thirty-four-year-old play, "Lady
Windermere's Fan," says G. A.
Atkinson in the "London Daily
Express."It would be difficult to believe
that, in these days, a mother
could successfully blackmail her
son-in-law because she could
rely on his being afraid to dis-
close her existence to a daughter
who believes her to be not only
dead, but better dead, the
mother's crime being that she
eloped with a man whom she
loved better than her husband.This mother discovers that her
daughter, through a misunder-
standing, is about to wreck her
own career in similar fashion.
She rescues her, and unites her to
her husband.In so doing the mother sacri-
fices her reputation for the second
time, but not, apparently, her
chance of making a second mar-
riage.The "eye epigrams" "Lady
Windermere's Fan," indicate the
immense potentialities of cinema-
matography. No art can rival this
in its powers of allusion and sug-
gestion, the twin bases of drama-
tic sophistication.The highest compliment that
one could pay to the Lubitsch
form of epigram is to say that
words would spoil it.First prize in this crucial test
of acting ability goes to Irene
Rich, whose portrayal of the
"woman with a past" is drawn
with a millimetre of exactitude.
May McAvoy, as the daughter, is well
suited, but in a film-actress way.
Bert Lytell, as Lord Windermere,
is industrious, but a trifle too
conscious of his elevation to the
peerage. Ronald Colman—
who must be making a fortune in
Hollywood—is satisfactorily
cynical as Lord Darlington.Edward Martindel, as a man-
about-town, a typical, elderly
lounge of the "naughty
nineties," would have been the
hit of the film were his perfor-
mance not marred by some
clownishness in a love-making
episode with Miss Rich.

FACE v. FANCY.

"I don't believe in patent medi-
cines," said the sceptic.
"Just what do you mean by 'patent
medicines'?" asked his friend.
"Why—or all secret medicinal pre-
parations," answered the sceptic, "all
remedies of which the formula is never
divulged. It is senseless to take medi-
cine if you don't know what it con-
tains.""Of course," suggested his friend,
"you always read a physician's pre-
scription and quite understand what is
being given you."
"Well," admitted the sceptic.
"But then, you see, it is a physician
who is prescribing, and who knows
what he is about."
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People are themselves the prescrip-
tion of a learned and experienced
physician who, as the sceptic suggests,
knew what he was about. Their super-
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rests upon the outstanding merit of
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OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Many interesting and important topics are given
prominence in this week's issue of the "Overland China Mail"—
excellent for posting away to friends seeking information on
China and Hong Kong, or for keeping handy for reference.The Bishop of London's arrival and his many activities in
the Colony are recorded. How Hong Kong spent Christmas
is also told at length.A series of incidents in "local history," ranging from the
death of a European from hydrophobia to the startling burglary
at Whiteaway's are all included.Each day's reports from the four corners of China—
including the British diplomatic memorandum—are faithfully
reproduced.There are many other articles, including the usual features,
the yacht race to Macao, Legislative Council doings, the War
in North China, and this week's proceedings in the "Sunning"
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WATCHFUL WAITING.

FRANCE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD
CHINA.

BRITISH MEMORANDUM VIEWS.

Paris, Dec. 29.

The Cabinet has approved M.
Briand's view as to the attitude
France should take toward China.
It is understood that the Govern-
ment does not intend to depart
from the attitude of observation
and expectation which it has
adopted since the outset of the
Chinese conflict.Semi-officially it is stated that
France does not consider neces-
sary a joint declaration as pro-
posed by Britain. It also be-
lieves it inadvisable to discuss
the rights of foreigners over the
heads of the opposing Chinese
Governments. It considers it
wiser to wait until negotiations
can be entered into with really
representative Chinese authori-
ties.France will always participate
in measures to facilitate the
evolution of China and intends to
abstain from all interference in
the domestic policy of China until
the conflict is settled. Recognition
of the Canton Government
independent of the Government
at Peking would sanction the
secession of a state in China and
disturb both South and North, as
each would strive for the control
of the whole of China in viola-
tion of Chinese unity, and it
would have a deep and lasting
effect on the whole Chinese na-
tion, as the latter is fundamen-
tally attached to a respect for its
political unity.—Reuter.

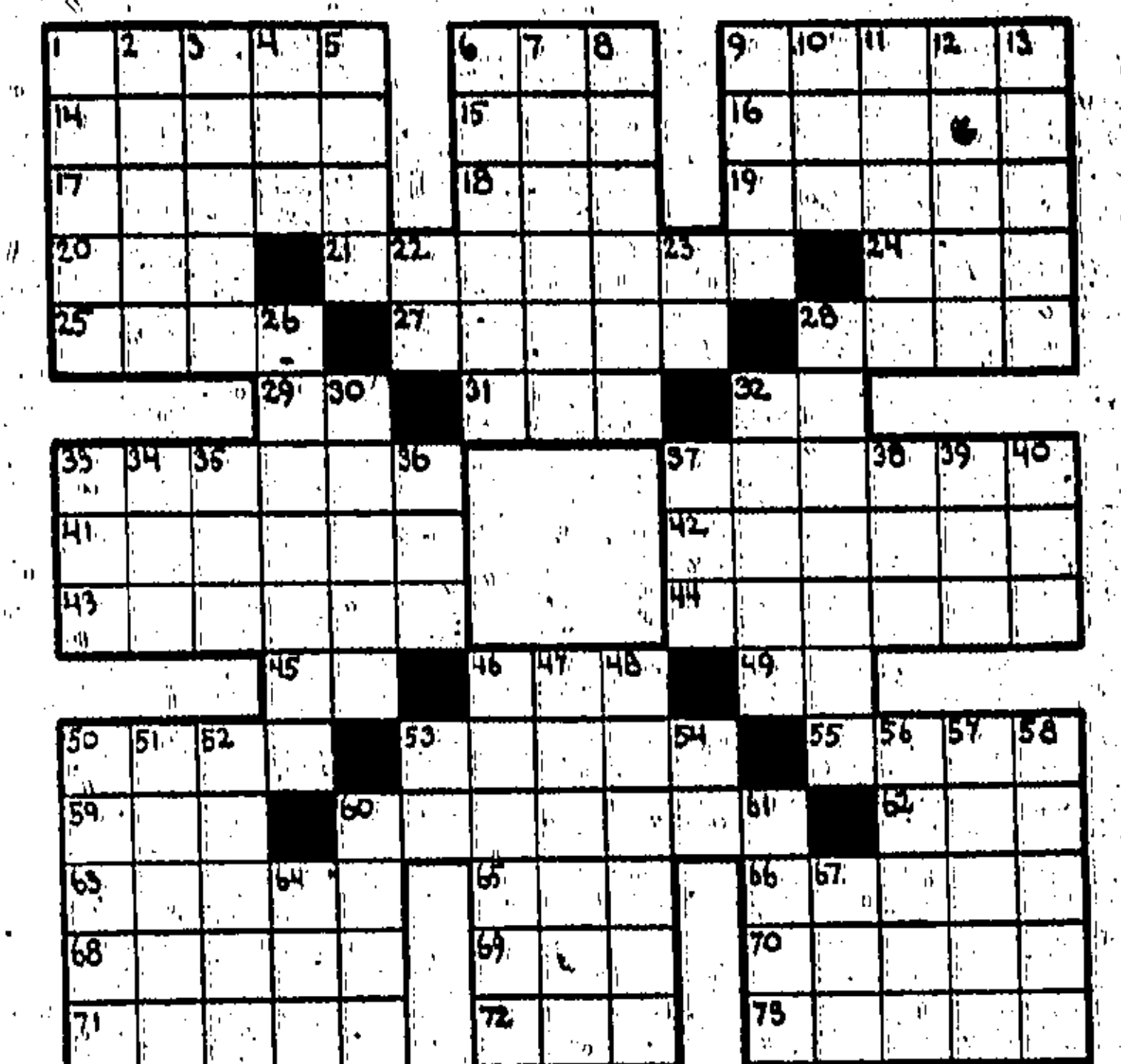
Newspaper Opinions.

Paris, Dec. 29.
The papers approve of the
waiting, unbiased attitude adopt-
ed by the French Government in
Chinese affairs. They emphasise
the French policy remains con-
sistent with liberal traditions, and
observes sympathetically China's
progressive evolution, and will
not throw obstacles in the way
of Chinese liberties at a time of
reform.—Havas.

AT THE STAR.

"BELOW THE LINE" TO-DAY
TILL SATURDAY.Rin-Tin-Tin, the dog star, heads
a cast in "Below the Line," which
includes June Marlowe, John
Harron, Pat Hartigan, Victor
Potel, Charles (Heinie) Conklin,
Gilbert Clayton, Edith Yorke and
Taylor Duncan."Rinty's" role is that of a
vicious dog who has been brutally
trained for pit-fighting and who
has never known love or kindness
from his master. Donald Cass
(John Harron) and his pretty
sweetheart, May Barton (June
Marlowe) befriend him, and,
through affectionate training, the
dog becomes a brave and loyal
friend.When Jamber Niles (Pat Hart-
igan), the village bully, attacks
and steals the jewels of a wealthy
young woman who is visiting the
village, it is "Rinty" who brings
him to justice. He again proves
his courage when "Cuckoo" Niles,
Jamber's brother (Victor Potel)
looses a pack of bloodhounds, who
pursue May and Donald, and
"Rinty," in a terrific fight, pro-
tects the girl and boy from death.
Charles (Heinie) Conklin has
the comedy role of the deputy
sheriff, and Edith Yorke plays
the frail, appealing mother of
Donald. The remainder of the
cast includes Gilbert Clayton and
Taylor Duncan.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

HORIZONTAL

1-Condition
5-Check
9-Extends over
14-Carried over
15-Period
16-Ancient measure of
length
17-Dwelling
18-En
19-Quartz
20-Sundial
21-More clamorous
24-A beverage
25-Sketches
27-Vision
28-To name
29-Branch of British
Parliament (abbr.)
31-Half an em (pl.)
32-Pronoun
33-Picture machine
37-One who goes by
41-Harangued
42-Whole
43-Camped out
44-Gazed
46-More name
(familiar)
48-In behalf of
49-The elder (abbr.)
50-Kind of fish
53-Skin openings

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

55-A seasoning
59-Poor actor (slang)
60-Gear
62-Sailor
63-Moose
65-Hearse
66-Past
68-Pinhead
69-Consumed
70-Spirits (Roman
Antic)
71-Kind of
72-Conducted
73-Squeeze

VERTICAL

23-Printer's measure
26-Sharpener
28-Those who make
trials
30-Bell
32-Declines gradually
33-Small bed
34-Part of verb "to be"
35-The human race
36-Sum up
37-Vim
38-Title
39-Before
40-A color
42-Ceremonious
47-Ornamental
48-Overgrown (with a
coarse grass)
51-Custom
52-Entertain
53-A parent
54-Steampship (abbr.)
56-Repeat
57-Narrow road
58-Look of hair
60-Flock
61-Portridge of Indian
corn
64-Corn
67-Kind of fish(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

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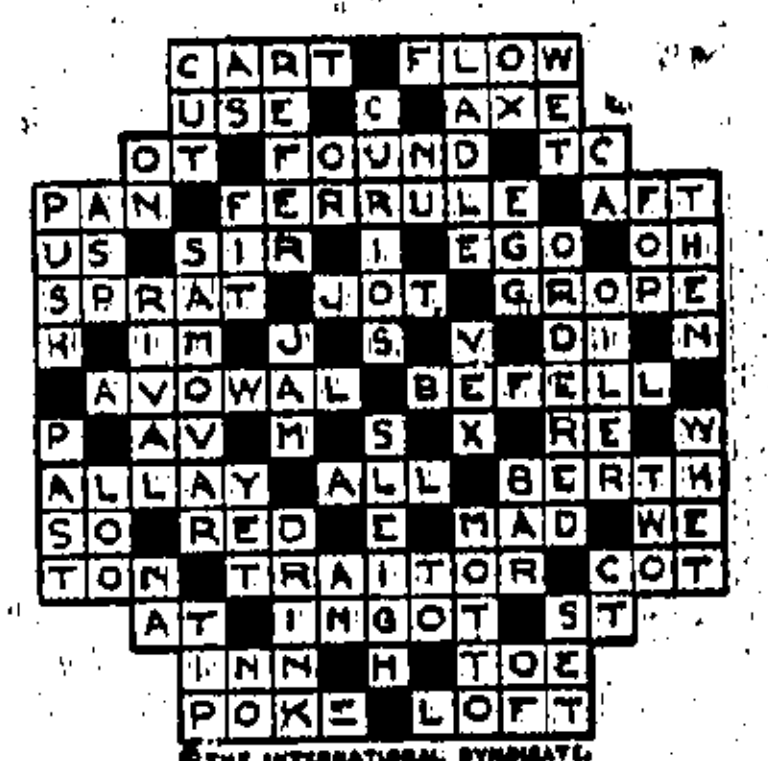
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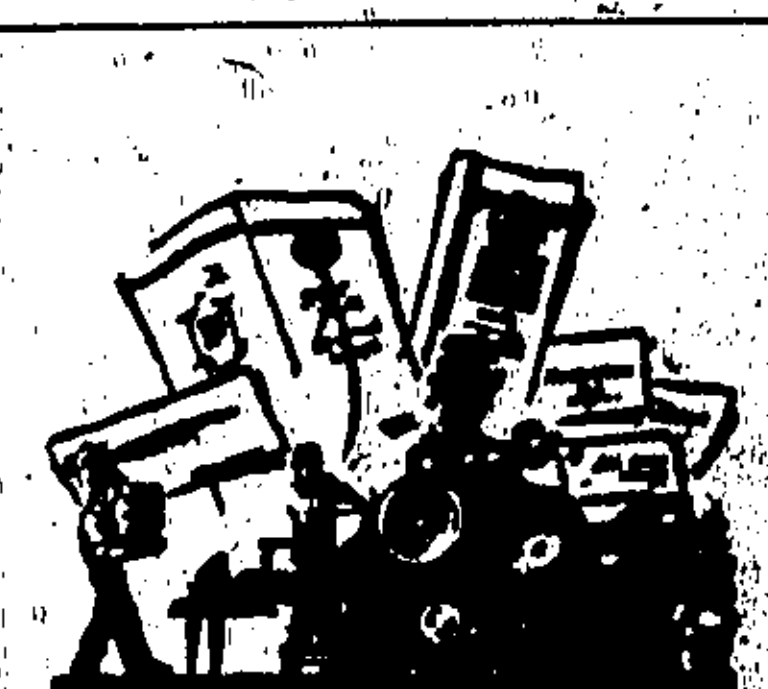
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban & Capetown.
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BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
INDUS MARU (Calls at Karachi) Tuesday, 4th January.
SHINGO MARU Sails on Friday, 7th January.
HONOLULU MARU Sails on Saturday, 16th January.
KORYU MARU (Calls at Penang) Wednesday, 15th January.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND
MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU Sails on Saturday, 22nd January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU Sails on Tuesday, 25th January.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
SEKKOW MARU Sails on End of January.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan
Ports.
AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 6th January.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
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JAPAN PORTS.
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HOZAN MARU Sails on Sunday, 2nd Jan., 10 a.m.
KAIJO MARU Sails on Sunday, 9th January, 10 a.m.
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU Sails on Saturday, 1st January, 10 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.
KOBOKU MARU Sails on Saturday, 8th January.
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LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

This morning, the following sea-
going arrivals at Hong Kong
were reported:—

Empress of Canada (12,811 tons) Brit.,
from Manila; C.P.S.—306
tons cargo for Hong Kong, 281 tons
for ports beyond, 87 passengers.
Liangchow (1,220) Brit., from
Shanghai, Amoy; B. & S.—560 tons
H.K., 50 tons beyond, 72 passen-
gers.

Autolycus (4,859) Brit., from
Chefoo, Shanghai; B. & S.—1 ton
H.K., 6,233 tons beyond, 3 passen-
gers.

Kingyuan (1,548) Brit., from
Bangkok, Swatow; B. & S.—1,491
tons H.K., 10 tons beyond, 5 pas-
sengers.

Sinkiang (1,616) Brit., from
Shanghai, Swatow; B. & S.—500
tons H.K., 700 tons beyond, 103
passengers.

Soochow (1,594) Brit., from
Canton; B. & S.

Haichung (1,267) Brit., from
Fochow, Swatow; Douglas Co.—
800 tons H.K., 365 passengers.

St. Alban's (2,553) Brit., from
Yokohama, Moji, P. and O.—10
tons H.K., 1,120 tons beyond, 7 pas-
sengers.

Hanoi (739) French, from Hai-
phong, Fort Bayard; M. M.—185
tons H.K., 39 passengers.

Takaoka Maru (4,327) Japanese,
from Kobe, Iloilo; N. Y. K.—6,573
tons beyond.

Hozan Maru (1,383) Jap., from
Keelung, Swatow; O.S.K.—814 tons
H.K., 82 passengers.

Pingal (1,244) Norwegian, from
Keelung; M.S.K.—2,000 tons coal
H.K.

Corona (958) Nor., from Chin-
wangtao; Dodwell & Co.—4,630
tons coal and 20 tons' general for
H.K.

Hubro (1,027) Nor., from Seba-
tik; Karsten Larssen & Co.—2,100
tons coal H.K.

Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from
Au Tau; Fook Hoi—½ ton H.K.,
124 passengers.

Departures.
For Kwong-chow-wan: Wing Wo,
Poo Sang, Hydrangea.

For Canton: Sinkiang, Retsu
Maru, Chiphshing.

For Whampoa: Giyo Maru.
For Shanghai: Toyohashi Maru.

Soochow, Yatsing.
For Saigon: Tjiliwong, Shuzian
Maru.

For Au Tau: Tak Hing.
For Miri: Kiyo Maru.

For Haiphong: Borneo.
For Singapore: Shirala.

Clearances.
For Canton: Fooshing, Banahu
Maru No. 17.

For Shanghai: Takaoka Maru.
For Singapore: Geneva Maru.
For Munko: Tjikarang.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following
numbers of vessels were in
port:—

British	29
American	1
Panama	1
Norwegian	5
Danish	1
Japanese	7
Chinese	11
Dutch	6
Portuguese	3
French	1

Total 65.
Dec. 29—arrivals were 8 British,
2 Japanese, 3 Norwegian, 1 Chinese,
1 French—total 15. Departures 7
British, 5 Japanese, 3 Chinese, 1
Dutch—total 16.

QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS.

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YOKOHAMA.

EXTINGUISHED THERE.

While last in Yokohama, the s.s.
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Australian Line had an outbreak
of fire in her coal bunkers.

The fire was extinguished in
that port, whence she sailed on
Dec. 19. Five days later she left
Moji and arrived here yesterday.

The "St. Albans" is well known
on the Australia-Manila-Hong
Kong-Japan run and is leaving for
the South at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

Captain G. L. Smith is in com-
mand of this 4,500 tons' boat and
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PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Among the passengers who
arrived at Hong Kong from
Manila on board the "Empress
of Canada" on Dec. 30 were:—

Mr. A. Capi, Mr. and Mrs. F.
V. Chamberlin, Mr. V. De Rouge,
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Everall, Mr.
W. Galloway, Mr. L. Gielgud,

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith,
Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Harrison, Mr.
E. M. Hawk, Mr. R. Hubert, Miss
H. MacGregor, Mr. H. C.

Shrubsole, Mr. A. P. Stoner,
Miss J. E. Wilson, Mr. E. Andras,
Mrs. M. Andras, Mr. A. L. Clark,

Mrs. E. B. Clark, Mr. J. Ferrer,
Mrs. L. Hawkins, Madame
Henkins, Sister M. Henne, Mr.
Kapiloff, Mr. D. B. B. Munro,

Mrs. E. A. Q. Munro, Mrs.
McBee, Mr. D. Naftaly, Mr. W.
D. Ramnani and Miss G. P.
Vernos.

HARBOUR OFFENCE.

Fines of \$10 each were impos-
ed on the masters of two harbour
motor-boats at the Marine Court
this morning. The charge was of
going abreast of two other craft

already in position alongside the
s.s. "Tangistan" and thereby
causing an obstruction to naviga-
tion. Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Hole,
R.N., heard the case.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada"
from Manila is due here to-day,
and will berth at Buoy A.5.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benledi" from
Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, Lon-
don, Straits and Philippines, is due
to arrive here on Jan. 1.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" left Vancouver for Hong
Kong, via Japan ports and Shang-
hai, on Dec. 25, and is due here on
January 13.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Asia" (Capt. L. D. Douglas,
R.N.R., Commander), will leave here
for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.,
via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and
Yokohama at noon on Thursday,
January 6. She will proceed along-
side Pier No. 6, Kowloon Wharf, on
Jan. 3 or Jan. 4.

The m.v. "Canton" (Swedish East
Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on
December 13, 1926, and is due here
on or about January 21, 1927.

The m.v. "Nanking" (Swedish
East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Ant-
werp on Dec. 24, and is due here
to-morrow.

It was officially announced at
Belfast that a contract between
Messrs. Harland & Wolfe and the
King Line for building of nine
cargo vessels was signed in London
on November 10.

A collision between a "Walla-
walla" and the No. 2 Whampoa
motor-boat in the immediate
neighbourhood of H.M.S.

"Hermes" resulted in damage to
the extent of \$10 being incurred
by the former craft.

A contract for the deepening of
the main channel of Los Angeles
Harbour from its present depth of
30 feet to at least 35 feet has been
awarded. Work is expected to be
commenced immediately, and is
likely to take a year and a half for
completion.

NOTICE.

NOTICE.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will
be CLOSED for the transaction of
Public Business on MONDAY, the
3rd of January, 1927.
Hong Kong, Dec. 30, 1926.

TALK ACROSS OCEAN.

In the course of tests made to-day
with Trans-Atlantic telephony, a
call was received at Newcastle from
New York and a three minutes con-
versation was held. The caller's
voice could be heard very clearly.
—British Wireless Service.

LAND IN A STORM.

Ruby, Dec. 29.
Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minis-
ter and his party, who are flying to
India, landed safely at Malta this
afternoon in stormy weather.
—British Wireless Service.

POLA NEGRI'S CLAIM.

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.
It was learned to-day that Pola
Negri, the movie actress, mixed
business with love in her affair
with the late Rudolph Valentino.
She has filed a claim on his estate
for a \$15,000 loan which she
made Valentino a year ago to meet
a payment on his Beverly Hills
home. Pola also asks interest.

CHINA TO PAY LEAGUE.

Geneva, Dec. 21.
Chinese delegates to the League
of Nations notified the secretariat
that China intended to pay up all
back dues and assessments totalling
more than \$1,000,000. It is pro-
posed that this be done by increas-
ing the tax on foreign importations
into China.

COSTLY MANILA FIRE.

Between P500,000 and P1,000,000
worth of property was destroyed
by fire that broke out early on the
morning of December 28 demolish-
ing the Polzate Building on Calles
Urbiztondo and Elecano, Manila.
The building alone, used as a ware-
house is said to be insured at about
P800,000.

PRINCE CAROL.

Paris, Dec. 26.
Former Crown Prince Carol of
Roumania, whose disappearance
from his villa at Neully several
days ago has caused much specu-
lation is now believed to be spend-
ing the holidays on the Riviera.
Some thought he might have re-
turned to Bucharest to make up
with his family and resume his
royal prerogatives renounced by
him some months ago. Wherever
he is he has left behind him
Madame Lupescu, his latest love.
His departure alone serves to con-
firm credible reports that he
has broken off his affair with the
red-haired charmer who for a
while seemed in a fair way to cost
him his throne. It is stated from
sources that ought to know that
he definitely broke off his affair
with Mme. Lupescu ten days ago.

A letter of condolence on the
death of the Japanese emperor
was sent to the Japanese consul-
general at Manila, Manuel Quezon,
President of the Philippines Sen-
ate, for himself and in behalf of
the Philippine legislature.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

QUICKEST TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC
TO VICTORIA & VANCOUVER.

STRAMERS	SAILINGS 1927.	H.K. Leave	Shanghai Leave	Kobe Leave	Yokohama Leave	Vancouver Arrive
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 5	Jan. 5	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 18	Jan. 23
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 16	Jan. 16	Jan. 22	Jan. 25	Jan. 29	Feb. 3
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 16	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Feb. 29	Mar. 4
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 22	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Mar. 30	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 12	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 20	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 3	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 11	May 17	May 20	May 24	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 1	June 7	June 10	June 14	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 22	June 28	July 1	July 5	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 11	July 17	July 20	July 24	July 29

(R/Asia and R/Russia call Nagasaki day after departure from Shanghai)
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MOREA	9,038	5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	9,037	12th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KASHMIR	9,037	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
NELLORE	9,037	26th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MANTUA	10,902	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
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MAIWA	10,941	19th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,355	2nd April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KALYAN	9,134	9th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	9,037	16th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MAIWA	10,941	23rd April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
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ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,355	7th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
TALWA	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KASHGAR	9,037	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	9,037	21st Jan.	Moji and Kobe
TALMA	10,000	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	9,037	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NAGPORE	5,283	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,959	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACEONIA	11,129	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,355	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KALYAN	9,134	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	9,037	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama

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STORM'S FURY.

MASTER SWEEP OVER-BOARD.

17 HOURS IN A LIFEBOAT.

Twelve survivors of the crew of the Cardiff-owned steamer "Eastway," which foundered in a hurricane off the Bermudas on the night of October 22, when H.M.S. "Valerian" was also lost, were landed at Southampton recently, from the Cunard liner "Benagaria."

The "Eastway" encountered a terrific gale while bound from Norfolk (Virginia) for Pernambuco. Heavy seas broke over her, and one of the sweep overboard Captain J. Vanstone, of Penarth, who was not seen afterwards. When the ship went down, the 12 men who were saved managed to get into the only lifeboat which remained intact. The remainder of the crew, 23 in number, perished.

The 12 survivors who reached Southampton included William Norris Couzens, the chief steward, of 3, Howard Terrace, Cardiff; Edward Davis, acting third mate, of Union-grove, Aberdeen; A. Johnson, Hull, and D. Petfield, Aberdeen, who are apprentices. The remainder were coloured sailors and firemen.

Mr. Couzens, in the course of an interview, said: "We ran into a terrific gale about 115 miles south-east of the Bermudas. Tremendous seas raged. The vessel rode out the gale for about eight hours, and then one particularly heavy sea stove in the bunker hatch. The water poured into the bunkers and flooded the interior of the ship, which commenced to settle in the water. Captain Vanstone was washed overboard when endeavouring to cover up the smashed hatch with planks and canvas. We never saw him again. No one could possibly live in that sea. We turned the ship round and threw lifebelts overboard, but it was hopeless.

"We were able to steer the ship to a certain extent, but it was obvious that we could not save her, and she foundered at seven o'clock in the evening. All the lifeboats, with one exception, were so damaged as to be useless. The last one went out adrift shortly before the vessel went down. Twelve of us got into her, and she worked herself free of the ship. The other members of the crew must have gone down with the ship. The gale abated after we got away, and we made some progress towards the Bermudas. After we had been afloat about 17 hours we were picked up by the "Luciline," an oil tanker, bound for New Orleans.

The "Eastway" was a steel screw steamer of 5,832 tons gross and 3,655 tons net register, built in 1915 by the Northumberland Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., and was owned by the St. Mary Steamship Co., Ltd., Messrs. Williams Bros. (Cardiff), Pacific House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff.

PRIZE MONEY.

TIME CUT DOWN TO TEN YEARS.

It remains to be seen whether some grumblers will take exception to the Admiralty's action in cutting down the period for which they keep open the books of the prize money fund from 40 years to 10 after the date of award. There seems to be little ground for complaint at this, for one would think that every man by this time had taken very good care to get all that was owing to him, says the "Journal of Commerce." But it is an unfortunate fact that there are any number of settlements still unclaimed in spite of the efforts that the Admiralty has made to publish the fact that they are lying in London. If a man has gone out to the Colonies and got right out of touch with things one can understand it, but constantly cases are cropping up where the claimants have never left London, and many of them have been in the poorest circumstances. Advertisements have been inserted in the Press and post offices, but still there are many who are unaware that there is good money waiting for them at the Admiralty, and that the officials of that Department are regarding claims with every sympathy and affording all the ship that they can.

A rebuke was administered by the Hull Stipendiary Magistrate to a Board of Trade surveyor when giving evidence. "You are a public servant," he said, "and should not show a partisan spirit." The incident arose out of a case in which Hans Sverre Hansen, master of the Norwegian steamer "Agord" was fined £100 and costs for overloading his ship with timber. The defence was that a miscalculation had been made.

DUTIES IN PORT.

WIRELESS OPERATORS' POSITION.

INDUSTRIAL COURT RULING.

Certain points in the memorandum between shipowners and seagoing wireless operators having been submitted to the Industrial Court by the Association of Wireless and Cable Telegraphists, the Court issued their interpretation of the matters raised with regard to employment in port. The Court state that an operator is only to be employed on cargo and/or clerical duties in regular rotation with and relief of the navigating officers. As to payment, it is pointed out that the remuneration of an operator consists of salary and allowances. His contract of service is continuous, and it makes no difference whether he is on the ship's articles or not, he is still in the service of his employers, and his salary accrues from day to day.

Regarding the subsistence allowance, it is stated that if food is not supplied by the shipowner, and arrangements are made by the officers of the ship with the steward for the supply of food, such an arrangement would not in the view of the Court, constitute the provision of food by the shipowner, and in such circumstances the operator would be entitled to be paid the sum of 3s. per day. Further, if an operator while in port in Great Britain and Ireland is instructed to perform or stand by for duty, or to travel on his employer's business, he is to be regarded as being on active service and entitled to the payment of the subsistence allowance where food is not provided. In the absence of such an instruction he would not be entitled to subsistence allowance.

With respect to the union's claim that the 14 days' annual leave with full pay should be consecutive days, the Court state that the claim is not warranted, but they add that nothing precludes the granting of 14 days' consecutive leave, and they rule that the true meaning and intent of their provision as to leave requires that so far as may be an endeavour should be made by the employer to grant leave for 14 consecutive days, or for such lesser periods as may be arranged, subject always to the exigencies of the services.

RAISING "GOEBEN."

FAMOUS WARTIME CHASE RECALLED.

Insurances have recently been placed in London against the risk of damage incurred during the operation of lifting, for repair, the Turkish cruiser "Yavuz" (formerly the German "Goeben") in a dry dock which has recently been erected at Goldjok, near Constantinople. German engineers are superintending the repairs.

The "Yavuz" is insured on a value of £1,100,000 and the dock on a value of £360,000. With the exception of £100,000 placed in Germany the whole of the insurance has been effected with Lloyd's underwriters and British insurance companies.

The "Goeben," with the "Breslau," eluded the British Fleet in the early days of the Great War and passed through the Dardanelles to Constantinople. The escape of the "Goeben" was the deciding factor of Turkey's entry into the war on the side of Germany.

After one or two raids from the Dardanelles Straits during the war the "Goeben" was damaged by striking a mine, and for a number of years lay as a hulk in Stenja Bay, on the Bosphorus, near Constantinople.

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OFFICER ARRESTED.

PROMPT ACTION SAVES THE SITUATION.

SHIP AND FOREIGN LAWS.

It sometimes unfortunately occurs that—principally, of course, through ignorance of the laws of these countries—officers get involved in trouble in foreign ports.

Such cases in the experience of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild are very rare, but they undoubtedly give rise to a considerable amount of trouble when they do occur. Britishers are perhaps too much inclined to judge the laws of foreign countries by those of their own and become annoyed when restrictions are placed upon them which would not apply to places under the British flag. There are cases on record where condign punishment has been imposed in foreign ports upon officers for what has amounted to little more than a trivial offence—or at least the punishment has in severity far outweighed the alleged crime. The Guild has been dealing with a case recently of a member who was placed under arrest in a foreign port on a charge of assault. When the matter was first reported instructions were at once cabled to the honorary agent at the port to the effect that everything possible was to be done for the officer, the owners also being communicated with and the foreign Office. It would seem that prompt steps were also taken by the owners' agents at the port, with the result that, owing to the action of his Majesty's Consul, the judge consented to allow bail for the officer and for a shipmate who was also involved. The necessary sum being forthcoming, they were released and left the port. The society hopes that everything will end satisfactorily and that the officer's career will not be affected in any way. Extremely rare as they may be, it is felt that such escapades are most unfortunate. As they might have very serious consequences so far as a certificated man is concerned, officers would be well advised to exercise the utmost care in avoiding any possibility of circumstances of the kind arising.

NEW STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

Negotiations are under way in London and Paris for the organisation of two new steamship services from France to Quebec province. Dr. L. P. Lemieux, Agent-General for the Province in London, has been in Paris, where he met a group of French-Swiss capitalists who are forming the new shipping concern. Dr. Lemieux stated that the company would begin operating a line of steamers in the very near future. Ports of call will include Montreal and Quebec, and points in the Gaspé region and on the Saguenay River.

This line will carry to France fish, timber, prepared pulpwood, furs and other products from these districts.

It is also stated that this firm will, through another company, operate a considerable fleet of vessels which will carry freight and passengers from Montreal, Quebec and other ports in lower Quebec and in New Brunswick.

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TAMBA MARU Tuesday, 11th January.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
CEYLON MARU Sunday, 2nd January.
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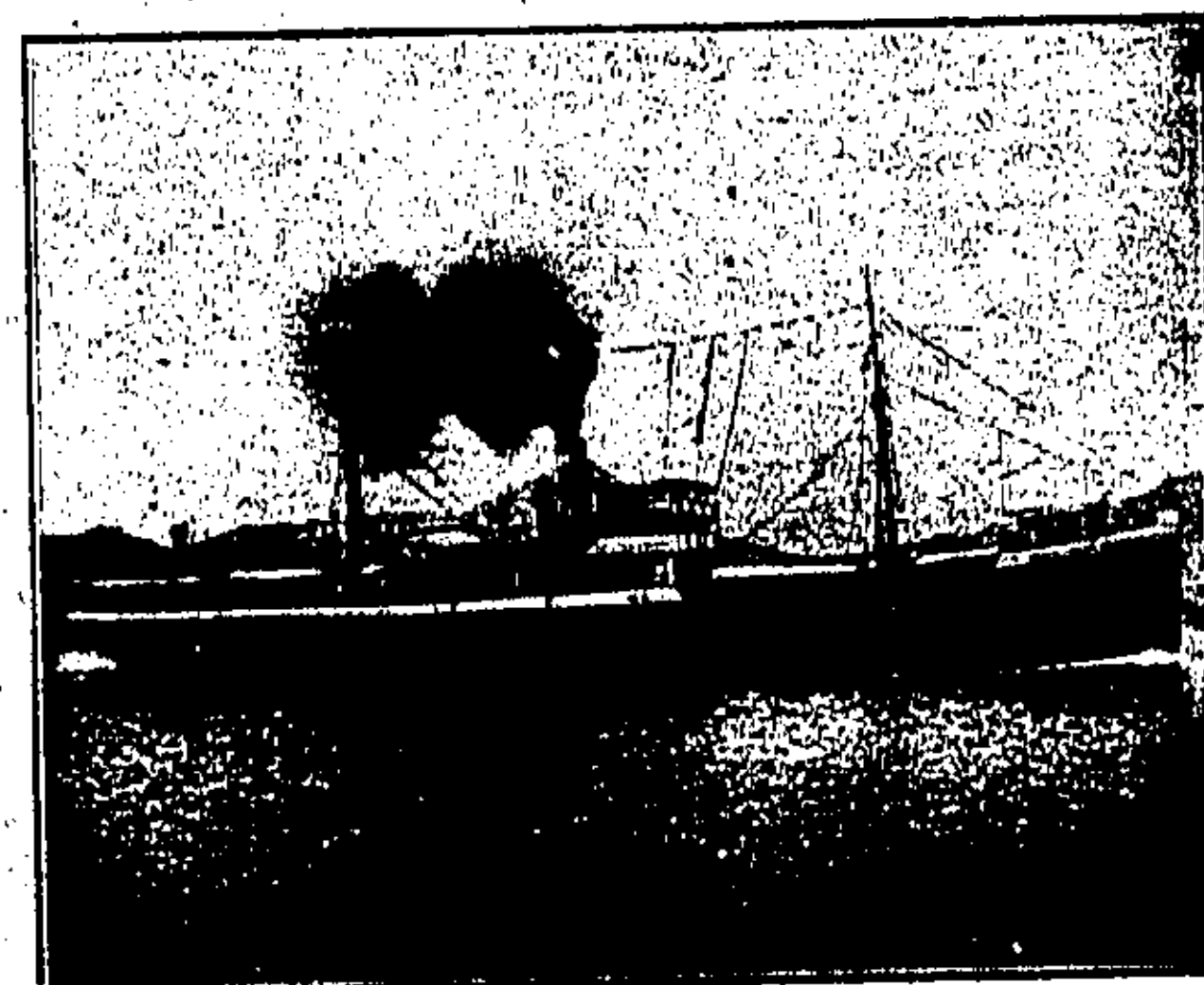
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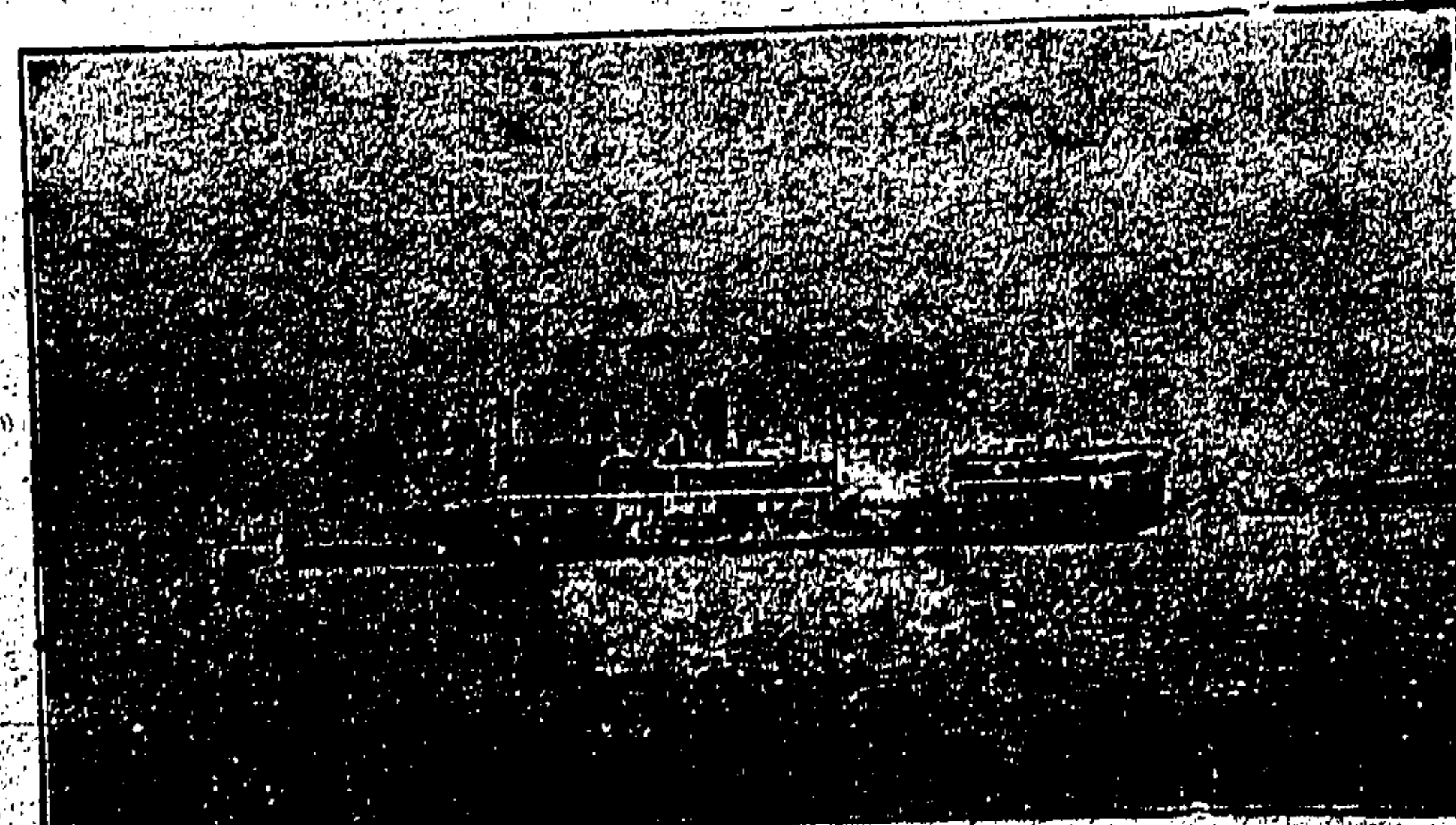
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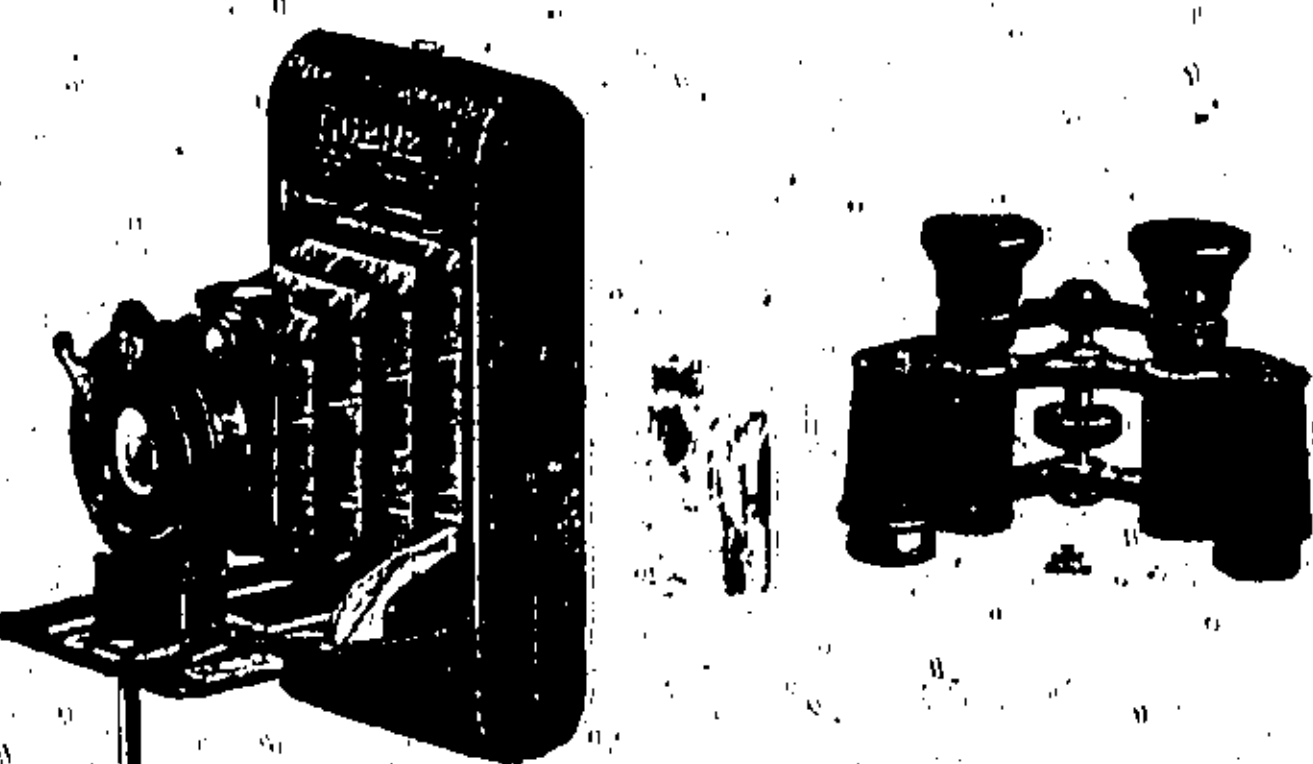
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WARREN.—At the Peak Hospital,
on 29th December, 1926, to
Cicely, wife of L. B. Warren,
a daughter.

DEATH.

MATTINGLY.—At Repulse Bay
Hotel, Hong Kong, on Decem-
ber 29, 1926, Reginald
Frederick Mattingly, Solicitor,
aged 36.

SILVER WEDDING.

SMITH—LANCASTER.—On Dec-
ember 30th, 1901, at Christ
Church, Mhow, Central India
by the Rev. G. J. Palmer,
Octavius Arthur Smith, eldest
surviving son of James N. T.
Smith of Adelaide, South Aus-
tralia, to Amelia Florence
Lancaster, eldest daughter of
the late Lieut. R. A. Willis of
Liverpool.

Hong Kong Thursday, Dec. 30, 1926.

JAPAN'S DESTINY.

In exalted and dignified lan-
guage the new Emperor of Japan
announces his resolve to observe
the fundamental rules of the
State, cultivate the inherited vir-
tue, and maintain intact the
glorious tradition set by his an-
cestors. Alluding to the constant
desires of his father to have a
reign of right and justice, the new
Ruler emphasises his intention to
unite the whole Empire in pro-
moting the solidarity of the na-
tion in strengthening still fur-
ther the foundation of national
existence, and in securing for ever
the prosperity of his people to
the end that the brilliant work of
the Imperial restoration may sheda fresh and increasing lustre. No
finer gem in the rhetoric of the
Japanese Throne has ever been
penned. It symbolises a heart of
gold—a heart permeated with the
one great wish to prove a
worthy Ruler of a worthy people.
It reflects the regal mind anxious
not for personal advancement but
for all that concerns the pros-
perity of his nation and his sub-
jects. With ill-concealed soli-
tude regarding the tumult pre-
vailing at Japan's door, the new
Emperor includes among his car-
dinal aims "friendship to all the
nations of the earth." It re-
mains for other nations, near and
far, to clasp the hand of friend-
ship, extended, so to speak, over
the body of the late Emperor. No
finer sentiment can actuate a new
Ruler. The days of conquest by
the sword are over so far as Japan
is concerned. She desires the
ways of peace and prosperity.
She disavows any intention to sow
any seeds of discord, internation-
ally. Had the new Emperor
searched the classics he could not
have found a better or wiser
motto with which to inaugurate
a new reign and a New Year—
"friendship to all the nations of
the earth." Noble words, nobly
spoken!

Home In Five Days.

Yesterday's wireless news
stated that Captain Courtney, the
well-known air pilot, is elaborat-
ing plans for the most ambitious
long distance flight yet conceived
—an aerial voyage from England
to New Zealand by a flying boat
in about seven days. This will en-
tail flying by night as well as by
day over long stages of about
1,500 miles each, with stops only
long enough at the end of each
stage for refuelling. Further de-
tails of the proposed flight will be
awaited with the greatest inter-
est, especially by places like Hong
Kong and Singapore, which have
so much to gain by the developing
of Empire airways. The long dis-
tance flights undertaken hitherto,
including those round the world,
have taken as much time as a
minor campaign. Their value has
been chiefly in the direction of
blazing the trail. They have
awakened the imagination of
men to the possibilities of world
aviation. Captain Courtney is
going much further, however,
than merely testing pilots and
machines; he is actually cutting
down the time it takes to reach
New Zealand to a sixth. If he
succeeds in doing this, Hong Kong
can look forward to the day when
the Colony will be only five days
away from London!

Talking Across Oceans

While fate seems to have been
relentless in the past in bringing
about the downfall of empires, it
appears to be conspiring to pre-
serve the British Commonwealth
of nations. According to the
lessons of history, our empire,
being large and far flung, should
now begin to fall to pieces, but
instead of that it is being knit
closer together every day. Why?
The political wisdom of the race
has much to do with the answer
—the Imperial Conference has
piloted us through the dangers of
political disruption once and for
all—but modern science is a will-
ing ally in helping to cement the
bonds of Empire. Aviation is
daily bringing the nations of the
Commonwealth closer and still
closer together, and now it will
soon be possible for people in Lon-
don to converse freely with people
in Sydney through the wireless
telephone. What this will mean
to statesmen alone is too obvious
to require stressing. That such
conversations are now possible is
due to the work of the wireless
engineers at the Rugby high
power radio station, and thus we
are glad that the second report
of the Wireless Telegraph Com-
mission includes a word of praise
from Hong Kong.

A Judge's Remark.

Giving judgment yesterday in
the case in which a Chinese "boy"
claimed \$40 from the Cafe, Lane
Crawford, alleging that he had
been dismissed without notice,
Mr. Justice Wood found for the
defendants, with costs, but re-
marked that he did not think it
had been made clear to the plain-
tiff that his services would not be
required at the end of the month
or else he (His Honour) did not
think the "boy" would have
brought the writ. He mentioned
this, as not affecting his judg-
ment but to let the manager of
the Cafe, Mr. D. M. Goodall, know
his view. Mr. Wood's remark can
only be described as distinctly
curious. Cross-examined by Mr.
Goodall, the plaintiff admitted
that he had been clearly informed
that he was being engaged on
trial only, and Mr. Goodall was
able to call two witnesses to prove
that the plaintiff was told on
November 10 that his services
were unsatisfactory and would
not be required after the end of
the month. What more could Mr.
Goodall have done? The plaintiff
admitted himself that he was en-
gaged only on trial and two wit-
nesses swore that he had been
given due notice. Yet Mr. Wood
could only remark that he did not
think the giving of notice was
made clear to plaintiff otherwise
plaintiff would not have brought
the writ. Taken to its logical con-
clusion, a remark like that can
only mean that a plaintiff, by the
simple fact of bringing an action,
must be deemed to be in the right!
And we are sure that Mr. Wood
did not mean that—whatever else
he may have meant.

CUT FRUIT.

MEASURES FOR RESTRICTING
SALE.At to-morrow's meeting of the
Legislative Council, the Colonial
Secretary will move to amend
the bye-laws contained in
Schedule B of the Public Health
and Buildings Ordinance, 1902,
and published on pages 1597-
1599 of Volume III of the Ordin-
ances of Hong Kong 1844-1923,
under the heading "Prevention
and Mitigation of Epidemic,
Endemic, Contagious or Infecti-
ous Disease," by the addition
of the following:—9. (a) The Board may at any
time and from time to time de-
clare an occasion to exist in any
district or districts, which, for
the prevention as far as possible
or mitigation of any epidemic,
endemic, contagious or infectious
disease, necessitates the coming
into force of the following bye-
laws; and thereupon and on the
publication of such declaration in
the "Gazette," and so long as
any such declaration shall sub-
sist, the said bye-laws shall be in
force in the district or districts
to which the same are or may be
applied. Subject as aforesaid the
said bye-laws shall be in abey-
ance.
(b) No person shall sell or
offer for sale any fresh fruit un-
less the same is whole, that is to
say, uncut and unpeeled.
(c) No person shall sell or
offer for sale ice-cream or any
frozen or chilled preparation
commonly known as ice-cream,
unless the seller holds a permit
in writing in that behalf signed
by the Health Officer, or the
Secretary of the Health Officer,
or of Health.

SCIENCE & RELIGION

BISHOP AND INTELLIGENT
INTERPRETATION.

NOT IN OPPOSITION

The Bishop of London address-
ed a gathering of Church workers
at St. John's Cathedral yester-
day evening, taking as his text
"Ye can do nothing against the
truth but for the truth." The
Bishop traced the influence of
Christianity in all parts of the
world and of attacks which had
been made against it. These,
said the Bishop, only intensified
the ultimate truth of the Gospel
and made it shine more strongly.
As a worker, speaking to other
workers, he based a belief in the
text, said the Bishop, from an
experience of many years.
Scientific discovery notwithstanding,
the truth could take care of
itself. The New Testament stood
to-day for the whole world on
twenty times firmer foundations
than it did twenty years ago.

God And Evolution.

Science and religion were not
in opposition when intelligent in-
terpretation was applied, said
the Bishop. Man was created by
God through evolution. There
came a time, in his animal stage,
when man was given by God the
breath of life and created in man
form. This was what the Bible
strove to show. Thus, biology
did not contradict religion, neither
did chemistry, astronomy or any
other of the sciences.
Referring to the birth of Christ
by the Virgin Mary, the Bishop
said: "We have to make up our
minds whether the Christ was the
son of God or not." In view of
Christian beliefs was it not the
only reasonable and acceptable
way in which the son of God
should come to earth? There
had to be a new humanity.
There could not have been such
an incarnation except by the
Virgin birth, by Virgin purity,
new life, new ideals.

Individual Responsibility.

The truth should not be worried
about. It was ourselves. How,
for instance, could the children
in China, in Japan, and other
places live to a glorious life, shut
in the loathsome slums. The
worker should ask himself and
herself, whether they had opened
the windows of their souls to the
full glory of their religion. Was
it not possible that the doors and
windows were shut as in the case
of the Japanese and Chinese
slums.In conclusion, the Bishop ap-
pealed for a union of effort.
Catholics, Evangelists and other
sects working together for a
dissemination of the Gospel's
truth.
Every European in China was
a missionary of sorts; some
taught one thing and some an-
other, but eyes were always look-
ing for results for Christianity
was not so much taught as
caught. The church workers
should reflect the truth in their
daily actions, besides teaching the
tenets of religion.On the worker was placed the
responsibility of propagating the
truth, although that truth as pro-
pagated could take care of itself.
The truth could be stopped from
spreading by sheer inanimity of
the workers. By keeping
thoughts and actions and not
only voicing the Scriptures, on
the work of Christ much would
be accomplished, "until, some-
time in the future, please God,
China would become the greatest
Christian nation on earth."The service concluded with a
special prayer and blessing for
Church workers, by the Bishop,
pronounced from the pulpit.

BISHOP AT GOLF.

PLAYS 18 HOLES AT
FANLING.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

After visits to the Diocesan Boys'
School and the Kowloon Blind
Home yesterday afternoon and be-
fore his address at the Cathedral,
the Bishop of London played 18
holes at Fanling with Col. E. D.
Matthews (Secretary of the Royal
Hong Kong Golf Club). The
Bishop won by 3 and 2.
The Bishop's Chaplain (the Rev.
H. C. Thomas), played with Col.
T. A. Robertson and also won.
The Bishop has another full pro-
gramme to-day. During the morn-
ing he will visit various educational
institutions in the Colony, and at
noon will be the guest of Old Man
burdett, at Long Chik, where he
will be the guest of honour at an
"Home" in the Cathedral Hall for
Chinese workers and at 3.30 will
address a meeting for men in the
Cathedral.
To-morrow he will visit Mow
and return in time to be guest
at a Chinese feast at the
Hong Kong Club, and at 7.30
will be the guest of honour at a
dinner at the "Hobson's Mary" for
Chinese workers.

JAPAN'S TRADITION.

NEW EMPEROR'S NOTABLE
MESSAGE.

IMPERIAL PRECEPT.

On Tuesday H. M. the New
Emperor of Japan gave audience
to all the high officials, civil and
military alike, and other dis-
tinguished personages at the
Imperial Palace, Tokyo, announc-
ing his ascension to the throne.
The Imperial Precept given at
that time read as follows:"Having succeeded, through
the benign influence of our Im-
perial Ancestors, to the throne
of a lineal succession unbroken
for ages eternal, and having as-
sumed the power to reign and
govern the Empire, we have now
performed the solemnity of the
ascension to the Throne. It is our
resolve to observe the funda-
mental rules of the state to cul-
tivate the inherited virtue, and to
maintain intact the glorious
tradition set by our ancestors."Our Imperial Grandfather,
endowed with supreme wisdom
and discernment in matters civil
and military, enhanced the gran-
deur of the Empire. He pro-
moted educational developments
within, and consummated mili-
tary achievements abroad. He
promulgated the constitution im-
perishable for all ages, and con-
solidated the system of Govern-
ment unparalleled in the world.Our Imperial Father had al-
ways near his heart a reign of
right and justice, and made it his
constant aim to follow and to
brighten the path laid by his
predecessors. Unfortunately, his
health failed in the prime of his
life, and we, being heir to the
Throne, were called upon act as
Regent. He has now passed
away amidst our unbounded grief
and sorrow. The Throne, how-
ever, cannot be left unoccupied
for a moment. The reins of
Government can at no time be
permitted to drop. Mournful
and heavy-hearted, we have now
succeeded to the Imperial line.
With our limited gifts, we are
mindful of the difficulty of pro-
ving ourselves equal to the great
task that has developed upon us.

Nation's Solidarity.

"The conditions of the world
have recently undergone signal
changes. The thoughts of men
are liable to follow contradictory
channels. The economic life of
the nation is occasionally marked
by the conflict of varied interests.
Accordingly, it is important to
fix one's eyes upon the general
situation of the country, and to
unite the efforts of the whole
Empire in promoting the solidari-
ty of the nation, in strengthening
still further the foundation of
national existence, and in secur-
ing forever the prosperity of our
people, to the end that the bril-
liant work of the Imperial
restoration may shed a fresh and
increasing lustre."The world is now in the pro-
cess of evolution. A new chapter
is being opened in the history of
human civilisation. This nation's
settled policy always stands for
progress and improvement. The
course of events both at home
and abroad and the message of
the past to mankind clearly in-
dicate that progress must be at-
tained by degrees, and that im-
provement must be sought in the
mean. Such teachings should
engage the careful attention of
every one.

No "Blind Imitation."

Simplicity instead of vain
display; originality instead of
blind imitation; progress, in-
view of this period of evolu-
tion and improvement to
keep up with advancing
civilisation; national harmony in
purpose and in action; beneficence
to all classes of people; and
friendship to all the nations of
the earth; these are the cardinal
aims to which our most profound
and abiding solicitude is directed.
"They are in line with the
illustrious precepts bequeathed by
our Imperial Grandfather, and
are calculated to give effect to
the gracious will of our Imperial
Father. It is our desire that all
those who are in the public ser-
vice of the state will be guided by
our views above set forth, that
they will stand by us and support
our endeavours in the same man-
ner and spirit as they served our
Imperial Grandfather, and our
Imperial Father, and that, in so
doing, they will uphold the Throne
sacred and inviolable of
Eternity."

FANCY DRESS DANCE.

The annual Fancy Dress Dance
of the Ladies of Central British
School, Kowloon, will be held at
the "Hobson's Mary" Wednesday, from
7.30 to 11.30 p.m.

TIENTSIN ARRESTS.

British Consul-General's Note.

REPLY TO CANTON.

Regarding the arrest of certain criminals in the Tientsin concession, which formed the subject of a protest by the Nationalist Government recently, the following letter has been addressed by the British Consul-General at Canton, Mr. J. F. Brennan, to the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs in Canton:

With reference to your letter of the 2nd December, transmitting a copy of the communication which the Canton Government telegraphed direct to His Majesty's Government in regard to the arrest of certain members of the Kuomintang in the British concession at Tientsin, I am directed by His Majesty's Minister at Peking to communicate to you for information the enclosed text of a reply which was recently given in Parliament to a question on the subject, and in which the facts are correctly stated.

I am further instructed to point out that the Canton Government are in error in attributing the arrest of these men to British hostility to the Nationalist party and they are equally in error in stating that the men were handed over to the Fengtien military authorities. They were handed over to the Chinese police, who are the properly constituted authorities for dealing with such cases. His Majesty's Government have no reason to suppose that the Chinese authorities will be guilty of such barbarous or illegal treatment of prisoners, as the Canton Government appear to suggest, but neither His Majesty's Government nor any foreign government can be held responsible for the actions of the Chinese authorities.

His Majesty's Government have always held the view that Chinese residing in British concessions in China were not by the fact of such residence withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the Chinese authorities. It has been their settled policy not to allow British concessions to be used as an asylum for criminals, or as a base for conspirators belonging to any of the political factions in China, and they are confident that the Canton Government, when thus fully informed of the facts, will recognise that the action of British authorities in Tientsin was inspired by a regard for the sovereign rights of China, and not by any feeling of hostility towards the Nationalist Party.

FULL FACTS.

The Reply in the House of Commons.

The reply given by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on December 13, to a question asked in Parliament by Mr. Tevelyan, M.P., on the subject of the recent arrest of Kuomintang members in the British concession at Tientsin, was as follows:

On November 23 the police of British Municipal area at Tientsin, acting on information given by the Chinese city police to the effect that certain premises in that area were the headquarters of a treasonable and anarchist secret society, which was a menace to the peace of the community, raided the house in question, arrested 14 people found therein and seized inflammatory literature affording prima facie evidence that the house was used for propaganda inciting to violence against foreigners, and against all constituted government. At the time of the raid the British Municipal Police had no knowledge that the premises were the headquarters of the Kuomintang party, nor did any of the arrested persons claim to belong to the Kuomintang or to be political refugees. After effecting the arrest the Municipal Police then reported the matter to His Majesty's Consul General, who directed that the accused should be held in custody by the Municipal Police while he referred for instructions to His Majesty's Minister at Peking. His Majesty's Minister directed the Consul General to follow the usual procedure and hand over the accused on production by the Chinese police of a warrant issued by the competent Chinese authority. On the issue and production of such a warrant the prisoners were handed over to the Chinese police on November 26. This action was in accordance with the settled policy of the British authorities in China that Chinese by the mere fact of residence in a British concession should not be sheltered in any way from the jurisdiction of their own authorities. In Tientsin there are many contiguous areas under different police jurisdictions and it has always been the practice of the police of the various municipal areas—both Chinese and foreign—to co-operate in every possible way to

ROUSING WELCOME.

BISHOP AT DIOCESAN BOYS'

ADVICE TO STUDENTS.

The Bishop of London visited the Diocesan Boys' School yesterday morning. After seeing the grounds, a photograph of the staff and the School was taken with the Bishop of London, Mr. A. O. Blythe, the Rev. H. C. Thomas and Colonel Robertson.

Whilst the boys were assembling in the School Hall, the Bishop of London inspected part of the buildings, signed the Visitors' Book and asked that photographs of the School and of the buildings and grounds should be sent to him.

At the Assembly, the Headmaster, Rev. W. T. Featherstone, on behalf of the Diocesan Boys' School and Orphanage, welcomed the Lord Bishop of London, to one of the oldest and one of the newest institutions of the Church of England in the Far East.

The Bishop of London, in an

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

LOCAL CHINESE FAMILIES UNITED.

INTERESTING CEREMONY.

Two Chinese families, well-known and respected in the Colony, were united in marriage to-day. The bride was Miss Doza Mee-yuk She, the daughter of Mrs. She and the late Mr. She Tat-soi, formerly compradore to the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. The bridegroom is Mr. Conway Hong-wook Wong, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wong Chung-yue. Mr. Wong, senior, is a leading member of the Chinese business community.

The bridegroom holds an official post in the administration at Pakhoi.

After the Chinese religious ceremony the bridal party went to the office of the Registrar of Marriages, where the civil formalities were complied with.

TO AVOID WAR.

ITALIAN AND GERMAN TREATY.

ARBITRATION MACHINERY.

Berlin, Dec. 29.

The text of the Italian and German arbitration treaty, which is valid for ten years, has been published.

The treaty provides that mutual disputes which are not soluble through the ordinary diplomatic channels must be submitted to an arbitration committee of five consisting of a German, an Italian and three neutrals, whose report must be accepted or rejected by the signatories within three months.

If it is rejected it must be presented to a judicial arbitration court whose decision is final. The treaty does not impinge on the signatories' rights and duties as members of the League of Nations.—Reuter.

CHANG KAI-SHEK.

MESSAGE TO MERCHANTS & LABOUR.

HANKOW STRIKE SEQUEL.

General Chang Kai-shek, Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Armies, has issued two proclamations, one to the merchant class and the other to the labouring class in the Wuban area, asking them to co-operate to settle the present disputes between employers and employees, so as to bring to an end the existing industrial unrest in Hankow and district.

In both proclamations, General Chang assures the people that the Kuomintang and the Nationalist Government are ready to do every thing possible to protect their interests and to help in settling their difficulties.

In his message to the workers, General Chang urges them to follow the guidance of the Kuomintang in their struggle for better pay and better treatment. "To back your demand for increase of wages, you have gone on strike. It is a proper move, because you need to have a higher wage to combat the high cost of living. But in your campaign you must have proper guidance and organisation," observes the General.

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INDIAN CONGRESS.

PARTIAL DRIFT BACK TO GANDHIISM.

FOREIGN CLOTH BOYCOTT.

Gaughathi, Dec. 29.

The session of the Indian National Congress has been concluded. The resolutions adopted indicate a partial drift back to Gandhism.

For example a resolution was passed that members of the Congress must habitually wear khaddar, or homespun.

Gandhi promised the Swarajists his support in the council work if they helped to make the boycott of foreign cloth effective.

Other resolutions which were referred to the executive committee dealt with proposals for a Hindu-Muslim agreement particularly on the question of music before mosques and a communal electorate.—Reuter.

\$25,000 GIFT.

SENATOR FOLLOWS SHAW'S EXAMPLE.

New York, Dec. 29.

Senator Elihu Root has given the Woodrow Wilson prize to constitute the nucleus of an endowment fund to maintain the magazine of foreign affairs, the "Quarterly Review," published in New York which was originally founded as a non-profit making enterprise.—Reuter's American Service.

[Senator Elihu Root was awarded the Woodrow Wilson Foundation memorial medal and \$25,000 "in appreciation of his services in the creation of the Permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague in 1920."]

UNLAWFUL ARMS CHARGE.

The case in which three Chinese were charged with being in possession of two daggers and a quantity of wire fit for an unlawful purpose, was concluded before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth and Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Inspector Fallon prosecuted for the Police and Mr. G. S. Hughes defended the 3rd accused.

After hearing evidence of the arrest of the 1st and 2nd accused by detectives who laid in ambush on the Tai Po Road, their Worship said that there was not sufficient evidence against the 3rd defendant who would be discharged. The 1st and 2nd accused were each sentenced to four years' hard labour.



Royalty from all over Europe sat on the sidelines at this reception at the palace in Stockholm at the wedding of Princess Astrid of Sweden and Prince Leopold of Belgium. The royal couple and their families sat on the dias in the centre.

Bride's Dress.

Mr. She Tat-cheung, uncle of the bride, gave his niece away. The bridesmaids were Miss Florence She (sister of the bride) and Miss Helen Lim. Miss Tootsie She (niece of the bride) was the flower-girl and Master Norman Lee acted as page. Mr. Waldron Lee discharged the duties of best man.

The bride's dress was a charming creation of cream tulle, embroidered with pearls and diamonds on the tunic and around the hem. Her train was of broche georgette lined with pale pink chiffon and she wore a veil of silver lace. In addition, she had a crown of silver and orange blossoms with a centre of pearls.

Miss Florence She wore pale green embroidered with gold and Miss Helen Lim was attired in salmon pink with silver embroidery.

The bride's bouquet was of white roses while the bridesmaids carried sweet peas.

Notable Guests.

About three hundred relatives and friends were present at the reception in the Hong Kong Hotel. Among the guests invited were the Hon. Mr. E. R. Fallisax (Secretary for Chinese Affairs and Registrar of Marriages), the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Ma Chui-chiu, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralston.

Professor L. Forster proposed the toast of the bride.

The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a set of diamond dress studs and that of the bridegroom to the bride was a diamond bangle set in platinum.

The honeymoon is being spent at Canton and Pakhoi.

Sitting at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. T. W. Ainsworth held an inquest into the death of a prisoner at Lai-chik-ka, which occurred in the early hours of yesterday morning. After hearing medical evidence as to the cause of death, his Worship informed the jury that there was no evidence to show that the delay in the arrival of the doctor contributed in any way towards the cause of the deceased's death. A verdict of death from natural causes was accordingly returned.



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advertisement on page 4 of this
issue, Monday (Jan. 3) is also to be
observed as a "bank" (i.e., a general
holiday). Accordingly, the
local exchange banks will be closed
to public business on both Saturday
and Monday, and it is presumed
that both days will be observed as
holidays by the business community
and by Government departments
with the exception of those which
must open for urgent business, such
as the Harbour Office, Revenue
Office and the Magistracy.

Replying to Sir Cooper Raw-
son, who asked whether a more
suitable contribution could not be
made to Great Britain's tribute
to the American Unknown Soldier
in the Marble Hall of Remem-
brance at Washington, Mr. Bal-
win said in the House of Com-
mons that our tribute was the
Victoria Cross, and to such a
gift nothing should or could be
added.

An aerial fleet is to be orga-
nised by order of General Chang
Kai-shek for transport service be-
tween provinces under the control
of the Nationalist Government. As
a result of a decision at a meeting
held by the staff members of the
Aviation Department, several de-
legates have been sent abroad from
the Nationalist Military Headquar-
ters for the purchase of six new
style aeroplanes, which will prob-
ably be ready for service next year.

Armistice Day, bringing
forth its crowds of old soldiers
wearing Egyptian, South African,
or Indian Frontier clasps, has
revived among soldiers of all
ranks the cry for battle clasps
for the Great War. The War
Office is not likely to hear the last
of this cry until the whole gen-
eration that fought in the war
has died out. As we are now
several degrees nearer national
bankruptcy than we were when
the War Office decided that the
country could not afford to issue
battle clasps, the informal of-
ficial hint that a scheme for pro-
viding them out of the regimental
funds would be favourably con-
sidered seems to call for atten-
tion in the Army. If the feeling
on the subject is as strong as it
appears to be, it is to be pre-
sumed that the men entitled to
clasps would not mind paying a
few pence for them if the oppor-
tunity were given.

Tai-mo-shan, the highest moun-
tain in the New Territory, was
attacked and vanquished on Mon-
day by a party of five senior girls
from the Diocesan Girls' School,
who started from Tsun Wan
and returned the same way.
The weather was ideal for the
enjoyment of the climb and of
the extensive views they obtained
from the summit.



This medal was struck at
Brussels to commemorate the
wedding of Prince Leopold of
Belgium and Princess Astrid of
Sweden.



Human volunteers to do
away with the need for
animal vivisection were called
for in an address in a church
by the Duchess of Hamilton.

The "Wells" had sweeping
victories at local veto polls in
Dundee, "No Change" being car-
ried by big majorities in all the
slaven wards.

Seven houses at Shanghai
Street, Yaumati, were sold at the
China Auction Rooms yesterday by
order of the mortgagee, Mr. Pun
Chik becoming the owner at \$30,400.

A proposal in Canton to or-
ganise a joint union for profes-
sional classes, composed of lawyers,
physicians and artists has been
made. A preparatory meeting was
held on Tuesday in the premises of
the Lawyers' Union.

Wei Yan-chuen, Chief of the
Canton Police Fire Brigade, who
has been accused of malpractice
(says the "Gazette") in being kept
under sharp watch by deputies sent
by Gen. Chien Tu-chun, the Com-
missioner of Public Safety.

Another case of rabies has
been made known to the local med-
ical authorities. The patient is a
Chinese from the city registration
district and the occurrence was re-
ported on Wednesday. There was
also a British case of diphtheria
from the Kowloon district.

From Messrs. S. C. Lay & Co.,
the local agents for Messrs. Wilkin-
son, Heywood & Clark, Ltd., a very
neat leather-bound diary and pocket
book has been received by the
"China Mail," together with a use-
ful office calendar advertising the
firm's paint, varnish and colour
products.

Four troops of guards in motor
cars have been organised by the
Canton Police Department to patrol
the roads during the approaching
Chinese New Year (old date).
Owing to the overstaffing of de-
tectives, some of them have been dis-
missed recently, and an order has
been issued by Commissioner Chien
Ta-chun, instructing the dismissed
men to surrender their arms.

Women jurors were a great
adjunct to the administration of
justice, particularly criminal jus-
tice, Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., the
Recorder of the City of London,
said in an address to the Livery
Committee of the Stationers'
Company. They were very much
harder than men, because they
had more conscience, and they
did not trouble about catching a
train.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Frank Oliver, formerly of the
"South China Morning Post" staff
and Secretary of the Royal Hong
Kong Golf Club, leaves the Colony
by the s.s. "President Jefferson,"
this afternoon for Shanghai where
he is joining Reuter's staff.

The Duke of York has taken
up cinematography in earnest.
For a long time he has been tak-
ing pictures for himself and for
exhibition in his house with his
own private projector. He has
already taken many hundred feet
of film and the subject for the
most part has been pictures of the
Duchess and his infant child.
Another film shows a picture of
the Duke and Duchess which was
taken by the Prince of Wales.

After a brief stay in Manila, Mr.
H. C. Shrubsole, the manager of
the Nestle & Anglo-Swiss Milk Co.,
returned this morning on the "Em-
press of Canada."

Signor A. Caroli, the popular
manager of the Royal Italian Opera
Company, returned to Hong Kong
this morning on board the "Empress
of Canada" from Manila.

Mr. F. S. Harrison, the local
manager of the South British In-
surance Co., Ltd., and Mrs.
Harrison, were passengers on the
"Empress of Canada" which ar-
rived here this morning from Manila.

Estate worth \$960,320 was left
by Mr. George Paterson Walker,
Heatherwood, Putney Heath,
S.W., for many years a director
and chairman of John Walker
and Sons Ltd., distillers.

The Earl of Haddington was in
the chair at the annual concert of
Mellerstain School, while the Earl
of Howe presided at a dinner for
ex-Servicemen in the Newcastle
Arms Hotel, Coldstream. Lord
Dunglass has had the best catch
of salmon from the Tweed this
season, as on one day he landed
nine fine fish. General Trotter
has also met with considerable
success, but the season has been
comparatively poor, except in the
upper reaches of the river. Lord
William Scott, who was on the
Staff of Lord Byng in Canada, is
at present home on leave at Bow-
hill, Selkirk, and during the ab-
sence of Lord Dalkeith, M.P.,
who is in London, Lord William,
the Duke of Buccleuch's second
son, is acting Master of the
Buccleuch Hunt. The Countess
of Dalkeith has joined the Earl
at their London house. Lady
Sybil Phipps, one of the Duke's
married daughters, is expected
shortly at Bowhill along with
her children, and there will again
be quite a large family gathering
at the Buccleuch hunting seat.

Home papers announce the
death of the Duchess of St.
Albans, stepmother of the present
Duke and widow of the eleventh
Duke, who died in 1898. The
Duchess had lived chiefly in re-
tirement on her Irish estates near
Clonmel, but spent a part of each
year at her London residence in
Cadogan Gardens, and it was
there that she passed away.

Congratulations will be extended
to Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith who
celebrate their silver wedding to-
day, having been married since
December 30, 1901. Mr. Smith is
well known in Hong Kong as the
Manager of Messrs. Whitesway,
Laidlaw & Co., Ltd. whose recent
bad luck in being the victims of
burglars once again, has evoked
much sympathy locally.



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rule when this dainty "cortege"
patrols its beach, enforcing the
city ordinances.

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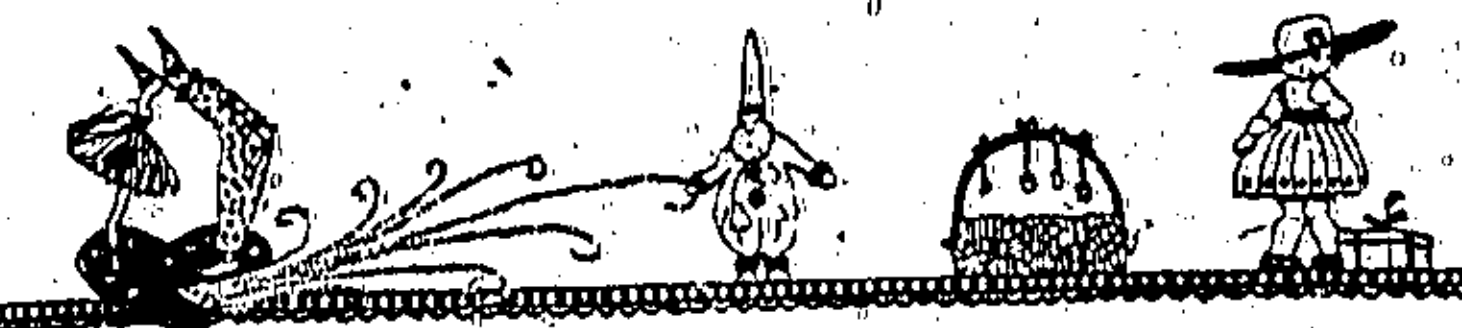
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must laugh when you see them in
the ARKONADA, the great
comical scene introducing Jumbo,
the Elephant of Ceylon.

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The pony which was presented to
Mr. Isako by Mr. Ostrowsky, a
former Manager of C.E.R., will work
under the control of Miss L. Blaher.

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A wonderfully trained Siberian Horse and a Korean Pony will be presented
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with Circus Life.

Booking now open at ANDERSON'S.

SPORTS SECTION

ARMY v. NAVY.

TRIANGULAR CRICKET TOURNAMENT.

DOBBIE'S 9 WICKETS.

Almost three innings were completed on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground yesterday when the Army v. Royal Navy match in the annual triangular tournament began.

There were indications as the afternoon wore on that the wicket was beginning to show signs of wear. At the close the soldiers are 205 runs on with a wicket to fall.

For this they are indebted to a stand by Evers and Bridgland and a fine innings by Morris who gave one chance in his 76. Beattie bowled well but had little support and Cantrell had an off day. The Rev. Venn kept wicket beautifully to Beattie's fast, bumpy bowling.

Captain Dobbie was again a destructive factor. He took 9 of the Naval wickets for 42 runs in 17½ overs. With a cross wind, he was almost unplayable.

Cantrell recovered his form in the Army's second knock and Beattie bowled his expresses untiringly. The Army's last wicket partnership in the 1st innings produced 32 runs but later in the afternoon they lost 5 wickets for 43 runs and 6 for 57. Wright and Bevia then got going and the Navy's score was passed again.

With over 200 to get the Senior Service will have their backs to the wall when play resumes to-day. Scores at close yesterday:—

The Army—1st Innings.
Capt. Evers, c Armitage, b Sturges 33
Lt. Hankey, c Venn, b Beatty 5
Capt. Bridgland, c Venn, b Beatty 25
Capt. Morris, st. Venn, b Beatty 76
Capt. Dobbie, b Beatty 16
Major Lightfoot, b Beatty 9
Capt. Thorp, b Beatty 0
Lt. Wright, b Beatty 0
Capt. Bevis, c & b Emley 0
Lt. Smith, b Emley 5
Mr. Gr. Fogden, not out 9
Extras 22

Total 200

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Cantrell 16 1 51 0
Beatty 24 4 0 75 7
Sturges 3 0 20 1
Emley 6 0 82 2

Royal Navy—1st Innings.
Lt. Comdr. Armitage, b Dobbie 21
Lt. Col. Cantrell, c Dobbie, b Hankey 15
Flight-Lt. Brewerton, lb.w., b Dobbie 0
Flight-Lt. Newall, b Dobbie 15
Pay Lt. Hussey, c Morris, b Dobbie 6
Rev. Venn, b Dobbie 22
Pay Lt. Comdr. Shaw, b Dobbie 0
Lt. Sturges, c Evers, b Dobbie 14
Lt. Emley, b Dobbie 4
Lt. Sparkes, not out 4
Lt. Comdr. Beatty, c & b Dobbie 0
Extras 12

Total 118

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Dobbie 17 3 7 42
Hankey 12 2 47 1
Lightfoot 3 0 7 0
Wright 2 0 5 0

The Army—2nd Innings.
Capt. Evers, b Beatty 12
Major Lightfoot, b Cantrell 15
Capt. Bridgland, b Cantrell 0
Lt. Hankey, c & b Beatty 4
Capt. Morris, c Armitage, b Cantrell 22
Capt. Dobbie, b Brewerton, b Cantrell 0
Capt. Thorp, c Emley, b Cantrell 14
Lt. Wright, b Beatty 2
Capt. Bevis, run out 15
Lt. Smith, not out 22
Mr. Gr. Fogden, not out 1
Extras 11

Total for 9 wks. 118

Speaking to a Free Church congregation, Dean Inge said the "canker of betting and gambling" was one of the worst of the social evils of to-day. "What was required was a second Puritan revival."

On their own ground against the R.E. and Signals Civil Service Cricket Club "A" team will be represented in a league match at 2 p.m. on Saturday by:—H. F. Harper (Captain), H. F. Westlake, R. C. Robertson, W. F. J. Corry, F. Baker, E. R. Davies, R. S. W. Paterson, O. R. Spittay, C. S. F. E. Lawrence, F. H. Holdman.

BRITON LOSES.

GOLF CHALLENGE, £500 A-SIDE.

MATCH IN AMERICA.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29. George Duncan, the British professional, lost his challenge golf match to Harry Cooper of Elsereno who finished 7 up and 5 to play.

There was an interval of several days between the first 36 holes and the second 36 holes of the 72 holes match.

Cooper was 5 holes up at the end of the first half.—Reuter's American Service.

George Duncan's challenge was made in September to any American professional golfer for a match over 72 holes, for £500 a-side.

He went to America on Dec. 1.

MAORIS' VICTORY.

BEAT LEICESTER AMIDST EXCITEMENT.

Leicester, Nov. 27. There was a crowd of 18,000 present at the match between the Maoris and Leicester. It was a magnificent game.

The Maoris were penned in in the first few minutes. Prentice kicked a penalty goal.

Farnon, by a clever swerving run from half-way, scored a try under the posts. Prentice converted.

Falwasser then scored a try for the tourists.

The interval score was:—Leicester 8 points; Maoris 3.

After the interval the game was splendidly contested. The pace increased with the crowd's excitement.

Falwasser scored a try and Wilson scored a spectacular drop goal.

Leicester replied with a try, secured by Prentice, who converted himself.

Nearing the end the Maoris got a try, and there was great excitement.

There was a tense silence as Love took the kick, which sailed safely between the posts, rounding off a great display and giving the Maoris a narrow victory by 15 points to 13 points.

ARMY POLO.

Calcutta, Dec. 1. The Army in India polo team, which is leaving for America next year, will take part in the Indian Polo Association championship at Calcutta during Christmas.

The team is as follows:—Major Atkinson (No. 3), Capt. George (No. 1), Capt. Denning (No. 4) and Major Williams (No. 2).

The spare men are Capt. Pert and Capt. Alexander.

Major Atkinson played at back in the Delhi championships so successfully that it is likely that he will play in that position at Calcutta.

Other teams competing for the championship are the Wanderers, Bharatpur State team, Central India Horse and a combined Bhopal Rulam team.

It is also likely that the Scots Greys and the 2nd Lancers will enter.

London, Dec. 11.—At Queen's Club in the Inter-Varsity squash racquets match Oxford beat Cambridge by 4 matches to 1.

A RECORD SCORE.

VICTORIA'S CRICKET TOTAL OF 1,107 RUNS.

INNINGS OF 10½ HOURS.

In an innings lasting 10 hours and 38 minutes, Victoria made a new world's record aggregate score in first-class cricket.

Against New South Wales in a Sheffield shield match in Australia, they ran up a total of 1,107 runs for an innings.

Previous records are:—

1,058 runs—Victoria v. Tasmania, at Melbourne in 1922-3.

918 runs—New South Wales v. South Australia, at Sydney in 1900-1.

887 runs—Yorkshire v. Warwickshire, at Edgbaston in 1896.

The highest Test match score in Australia are:—

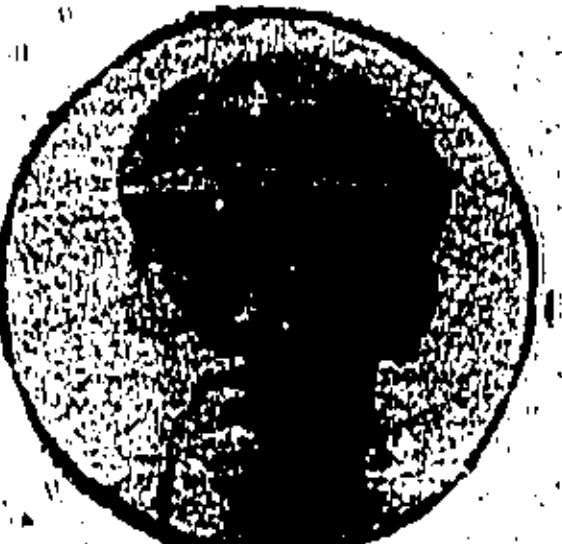
589 runs by England, at Melbourne in 1911-12.

586 runs by Australia, at Sydney in 1894-5.

It will be thus seen that Victoria held the previous record themselves also made at Melbourne, and that the State ground at Melbourne is amenable to tall scoring.



W. H. Ponsford.



J. S. Ryder.



W. M. Woodfull.



H. L. Hendry.

Melbourne, Dec. 29. In a Sheffield Shield cricket match, Victoria beat New South Wales by an innings and 666 runs.

Scores:—
N. S. W. (1st innings) 221 runs.
Victoria (1st innings) 1,107 runs.
W. M. Woodfull made 138; W. H. Ponsford, 352; H. L. Hendry 100; J. S. Ryder 295.

[Note: Ponsford's highest score is 429, made in the innings which totalled 1,059 runs. A. C. McLaren's 424 for Lancashire v. Somerset at Taunton, is the best in England. Hendry previously played for New South Wales. All four centuries were in the 1925 Test team which lost "the Ashes".]

N. S. W. (2nd innings) 280 runs.—Reuter.

STREET CHASE.

ROBBERY AND ASSAULT INCIDENT.

Allegations of highway robbery in one of the busiest parts of Des Vaux Road, Central, formed the subject of a case which came before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Two men were involved in the charge of which one, the 1st defendant, was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ. Mr. H. S. Lo appeared on behalf of the complainant, a "Sunning" farmer.

Outlining his case, Mr. Lo said that his client came to Hong Kong on December 19, depositing \$200 with a friend.

A day or so later he withdrew \$50 and whilst walking along the street with the money in his pocket, was stopped by four men who claimed to be police constables.

The 1st defendant, who raised no opposition. The first defendant, it was alleged, seized the roll of money and all four men ran away, complainant giving chase and shouting "Save life!"

The two accused were stopped, a struggle ensued, the 2nd defendant striking complainant with a hammer and injuring his eye.

Mr. Russ argued that there was not sufficient evidence against his client, who had been stopped many yards away from the scene of the assault in a crowded thoroughfare.

His Worship concurred, discharging the 1st accused. Finding the 2nd accused guilty of the assault, the Magistrate sent him to jail for three months' hard labour.

COMMON PROPERTY.

THIEF AND A FRIEND'S CLOTHES.

"Do you consider there is a difference between stealing a friend's clothes and stealing those of a stranger?" asked Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese was charged with the theft of some clothes from a match at Morrison Hill.

Defendant pleaded that he mistook the clothes for those of a friend, adding that sometimes the latter took his clothes. Clothes, as a matter of fact, were common property in their match.

After hearing evidence from the complainant, his Worship fined the accused \$10, or 14 days' hard labour.

Just Out.

"Oh yes, he has just come out of jail for a similar offence, said Divisional Inspector P. Grant in reply to Mr. Lindell's query as to whether anything was known about the defendant in the next case called before the Bench.

The charge, one of stealing a quantity of clothing, resulted in the conviction of the accused, who was sent back to jail for three months.

Minor Charges.

"What do you imagine brakes are for?" enquired his Worship, when a coolie was charged with allowing a cart to run down a hill.—\$10.

Observing some evenly cut firewood stacked in neat bundles outside a shop in Centre Street, a coolie thought that two would not be missed.

The watchful eye of a Sikh constable, however, observed the delinquent in the act of appropriating the fuel, and Mr. Lindell considered seven days' sufficient penalty having regard to his age.

100,000 SCHEME.

EMPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL PROJECT.

Right, Dec. 29. A project is afoot to establish an Empire Public School in this country. A group of eminent men are interested in the scheme, the object of which is to provide boys from the Overseas Dominions with education on the lines of the best traditions of such old English public schools as Eton, Harrow and Rugby.

The promoters have been impressed by the difficulty which Dominions boys experience in gaining admission to these English public schools owing to the demands made upon them.

An option has been secured on Bryanston House, at Blandford, Dorsetshire, a former home of Lord Portman and one of the biggest private mansions in the country, which is well adapted for the scheme. All the pupils will be boarders.

It is suggested that the school should begin with some sort of endowment—donations that can be capitalised. About \$100,000 is required, and if this is forthcoming, the school may be opened next September.—Reuter's American Service.

NOT THE FINE.

BUT A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.

When the occupier of No. 390, Des Vaux Road Central, was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. M. K. Lo (defending) said that it was a case of obstruction in which the penalty was well known. He did not appear in regard to the question of the fine, but to fight the case as a matter of principle. He therefore pleaded "Not guilty."

A Sikh Sergeant said that at 10 a.m. on December 17 he was on patrol duty and saw 11 bundles of mats under a verandah near Water Street. Witness warned the man in charge to move the bundles, but thirty minutes later they were still there.

(Case proceeding.)

YOUNG FILIPINO'S WIN.

Washington, Dec. 28.

One of the proudest young men in the country to-day is Juan R. Quijano who won first prize in the recent oratorical contest held here by the Filipino club of Washington. It was an annual contest. Quijano's oration was entitled, "Rizal, the Immortal." The boy is a student of the Foreign Service School of Georgetown University. His home is at Asingan, Pangasinan.

DOG PREVENTS DISASTER.

New York, Dec. 28.

Summoned by a barking dog which sensed danger, a fire boat and a tug raced and captured 26 coal barges drifting down the East River to treacherous Hell Gate to-night with 125 persons aboard, including the barge men and their families. The fireboat's crew was asleep while the boat was at anchor. The dog presumably heard faint cries from the drifting derelicts and awakened the fireboat crew. The aid of a tug boat was obtained and the two craft effected a thrilling rescue in a howling storm.

TREATY SIGNED.

Rome, Dec. 29.

Herr Neurath, the German Ambassador to Rome, and Signor Mussolini have signed the treaty.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 30, 1936.

Name	Hongkong Stock Exchange	Hongkong Sharemarket Association	Share & Bond Bazaar
T.T. on London	111 1/4	111 1/4	111 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	8 3/4	8 3/4	8 3/4
Hongkong Bank	1120	1120	1120
do. London	1115	—	1115
Chartered Bank	421	421	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	421	421	—
do. C.	413 1/2	413 1/2	—
P. & O. Bank	404	410	—
Bank of East Asia	84	80	76
Marine Insurance.	—	—	—
Canton Insurance	640	650	640
China Underwriters	145	150	120
North China Insurance	145	140	—
Union Insurance	290	200 b 201	288
Yangtze Insurance	445 M. n	40	—
Fire Insurance.	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance	200	200	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615	615	615
Shipping.	—	—	—
Douglases	28 1/2	28 b 29	28 1/2
Hongkong Steamboats	26	26	26
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	154	234	154
Indo-China (Pref)	32	30	30
do. (Def.)	42	40	40
Shell Transports	300	32 1/2	300
Star Ferries	57	55 b 57	57
Water-boats	15 1/2	15	15 1/2
Refineries.	—	—	—
China Sugars	25	23 1/4 b 24 1/4	23 1/4
Malacca Sugars	36	35	36
Mining.	—	—	—
Benguet	140	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2	42 1/2	47 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	825	242 1/2	25
do. (Single)	12	11	—
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2	5	—
Shanghai Loan	78	8	—
Raub	4 1/2	340	3 1/2
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2	21 1/2	—
Ural Caspian	84	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	—	—	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	115	110 b 112	111
H.K. & W. Docks	45	40 b 42 1/2	44
Hongkows	170	—	170
New Engineering	15 1/2	540 b 560	55 1/2
Shanghai Docks	111	111 b 113	111
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	—	—	—
H.K. & S. Hotels	9	8 1/4 b 8 1/2	8 1/2
Hongkong Lands	55	52 b 54 1/2	54 1/2
Hongkong Realty	6 15 b	6	6
H.K. Territorial	3	3	3
Humphreys Estates	14 1/2	14	14
Prince's Building	89	87	—
Rural Lands	15 1/2	—	—
Cotton Mills	—	—	—
Ewo Cottons	T885	834 b 9 1/2	9
Oriental	T24 b 24 1/2	260	260
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T54	53	54
do. (new)	T27	28	28
Miscellaneous.	—	—	—
Canton Ice	5	4	5
Cements (comb.)	10	9	9
do. (old)	9	8	8
do. (new)	2	2	1 1/2
China Buses	94	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	16 1/2	16 1/2 b 16 3/4	16 1/2
do. (old)	13	11 1/2 b 11 3/4	12
do. (new)	9 1/2	8 1/2 b 9	9
China Prov.	5 1/2	5 1/2	5
Dairy Farms	18 1/2	1840	18 1/2
Der A. Wing	6	5	—
Hongkong Amusements	16	15 1/2	16
H.K. Constructions	190	190	190
Hongkong Electrics	52 1/2	55 b 56 1/2	56
H.K. Ropes (old)	10	10	9 1/2
do. (new)	5	5	—
Hongkong Tramways	21 1/2 b 22	21 1/2	21 1/2
Lane, Crawford	8	7	7
Macao Electrics	35	—	—
Mackintosh	10 1/2	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	—	9	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2	15	15
do. (new)	7 1/2	8	7 1/2
Sinceres	9 1/2	910	9
Singapore Trams	15 1/2	101-	12 1/2
Taxis	2	1	80 Cts.
Unked Asbestos	—	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600	—
do. (Ordinary)	20	18	—
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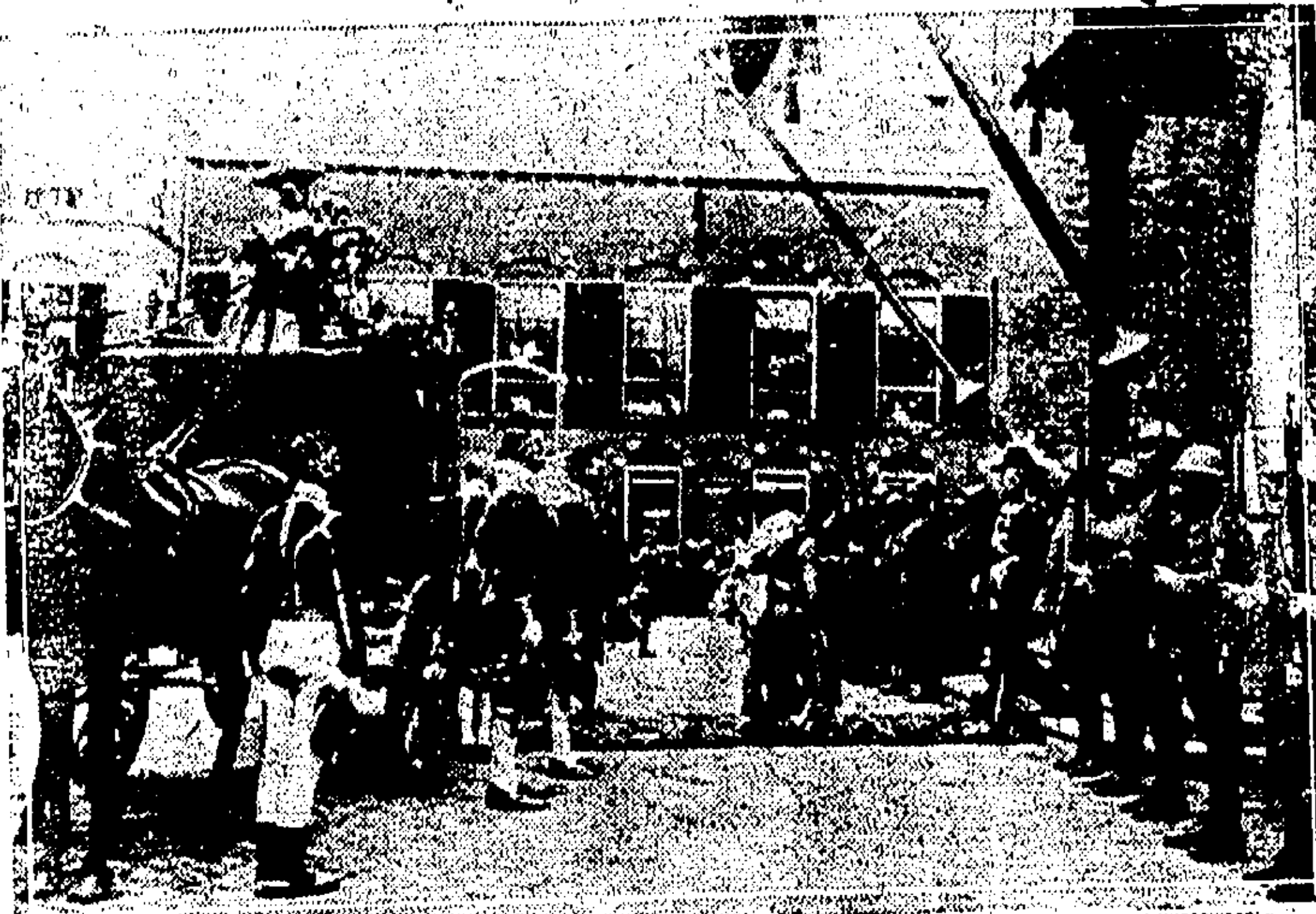
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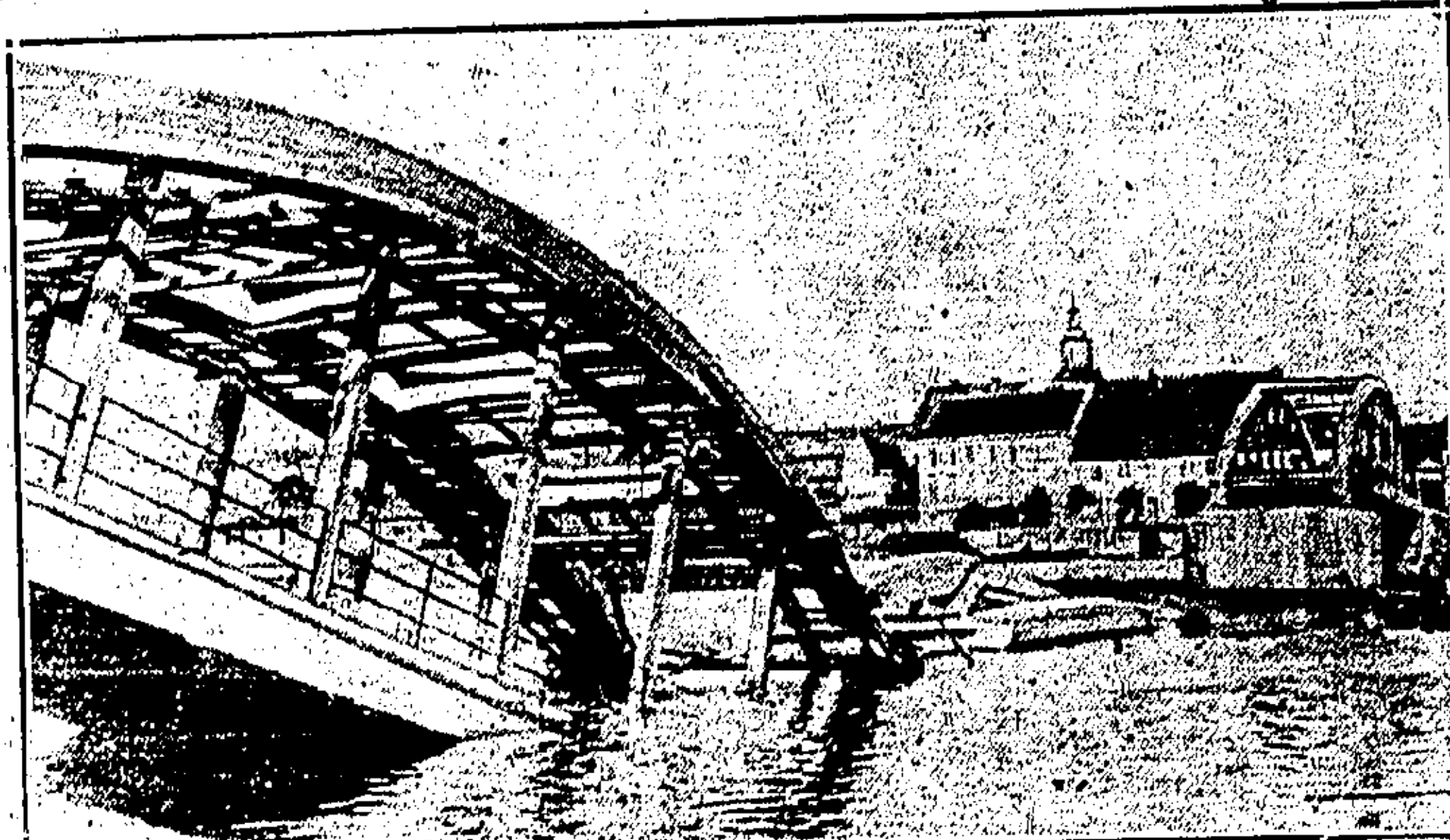
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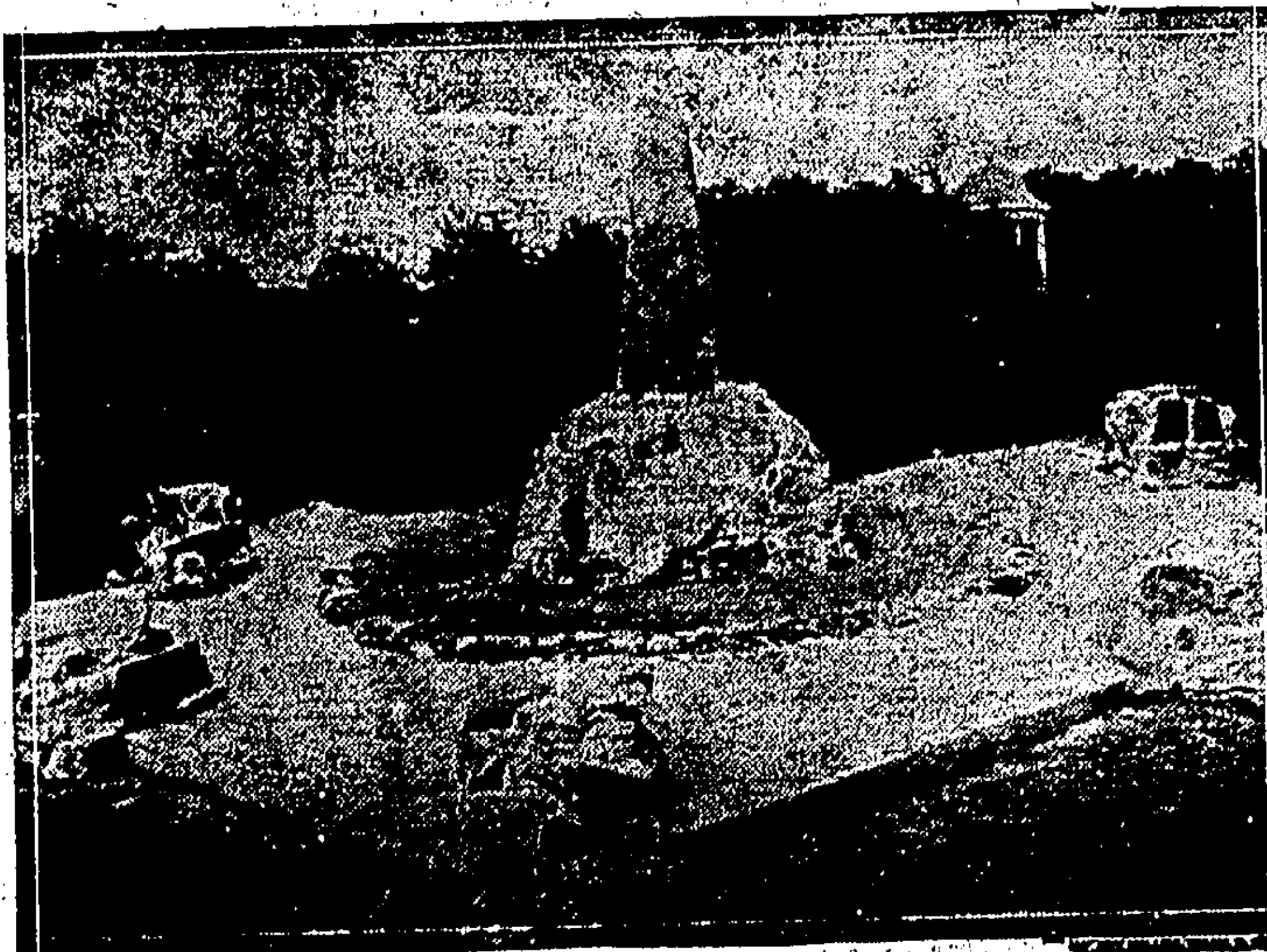
The Navy dirigible "Los Angeles" after longest trip to the West ties up to the new Ford mooring mast at Dearborn.



Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of Holland leaving the opening session of the "States-General" at The Hague. She is seen walking across the carpeted pathway to her royal coach.



This bridge over the Oder, near Gartz, suddenly collapsed, killing four persons.



Memorial monument to Ebert, Erzberger and Rathenau, three leaders who did much to found the German Republic, recently dedicated in Berlin.



Here is the latest picture of Princess Ileana of Roumania. Her clothes are modest, yet chic, and she wears her skirts short.



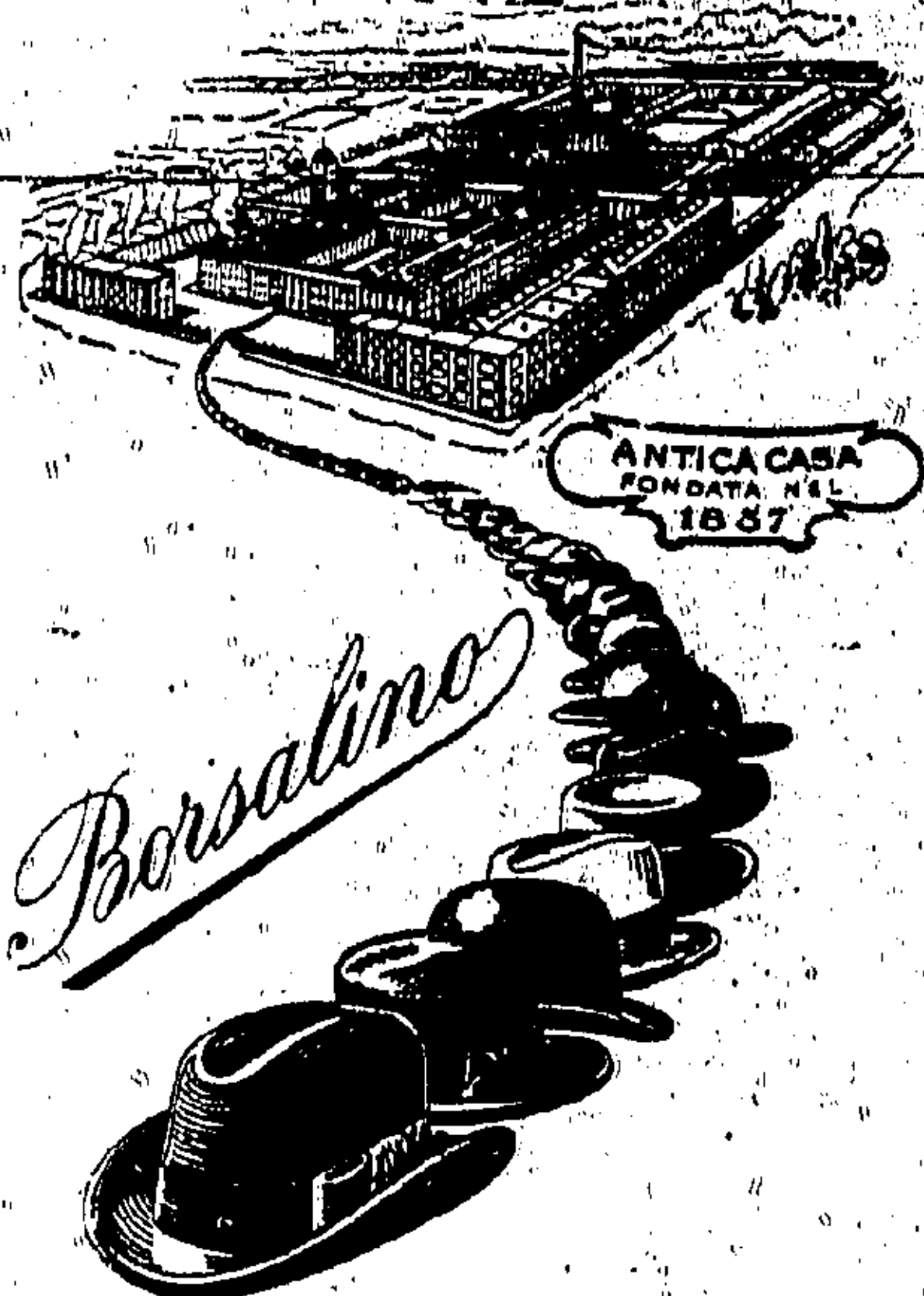
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS

Motion picture cameras were used by a jeweller's window in the City of London, and displayed with a tray of jewels worth about \$1,000.

Winds varying in strength from 40 to 63 miles per hour swept London and many other parts of the country during the week-end in mail week. There was also a deluge of rain, 1.4 in. being recorded at Lympne.

A bill has been prepared by the French Cabinet to stop the illegal increase of the price of articles of first necessity. Power will be taken to punish persons who destroy certain provisions rather than reduce the prices.

Only the original stake in "doubles" will bear the betting duty, the Commissioners of Customs and Excise announce. Instructions have also been issued for regulation of the charges on "accumulators." Bets which become void will not be charged with duty. If duty has been paid, it will be repayable.

Defending the Commonwealth National Debt policy, Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister of Australia) pointed out that \$673,000,000 out of a total of \$978,000,000 represented the creation of production assets. There was, he said, no doubt of Australia's growing financial independence, and the time was not far remote when Australia could provide all her own requirements.

Viscount D'Abernon, who was entertained at dinner in recognition of his services as Ambassador to Berlin, said that the central theme of his instructions from the three Foreign Secretaries under whom he acted was to subordinate everything to the maintenance and consolidation of peace. Herr Suhrmer, the German Ambassador, said that Germans saw in their guest the statesman who during the whole tenure of his office pursued a policy which initiated the evolution which had recently taken place.

Major General L. C. L. O'Brien, who succeeded Major General Sir William Thwaites, on his promotion to the command of the 4th (and London) Division.

Unprofitable herring fishing, created through the high costs of gear and coal, has induced a considerable number of Scottish fishermen to emigrate to Canada and other colonies.

After a service at their memorial in Holborn, a guard of honour of the Royal Fusiliers marched through the City to the Tower of London, where the colours were handed over to Lord Methuen, the Constable of the Tower.

Some time or another, Sir W. Joynton-Hicks (Home Secretary) declared in a speech at Newport a stop must be put to Moscow's influence in strikes in Britain. It was hard lines on the miners that they were to be used as tools to get a Communist revolution.

A sentence of five years' penal servitude on a man who stole a hospital contribution box containing from 8s. to 10s. in coppers was reduced to one of eighteen months' hard labour by the Court of Criminal Appeal, which held that the sentence was disproportionate to the evidence.

Major Frederick Wallace Hastings Blake, formerly governor of Pentonville, was committed for trial at the Mansion House on his own recognisances on a charge under the Official Secrets Act, with reference to the disclosure of a confession by Frederick Bywaters on the morning he was executed. Sir Travers Humphreys said that the desire of the prosecution was to establish that persons in confidential positions under the Crown were liable to be dealt with for breach of the regulations if they were still in the service, and to be prosecuted for a criminal offence if they had left the Service.

Shops were closed, possibly owing to the fact that the day was the last of the year of the Chinese New Year.

For more than 200 years the headquarters of the carriage trade, the Barbican Repository, Aldersgate Street, E.C. 4, is now for sale privately, as the bids at the auction sale did not reach the reserve figure.

A motion by M. Poincaré at the opening of the French Parliament that the Budget should be passed before other discussions took place was made a question of confidence. It was carried by 365 votes to 207.

Canada has acquired a new national park, 17,800 square miles in area, or approximately the size of Denmark, with Luxembourg thrown in, says a message from Ottawa. Wood Buffalo Park, situated partly in Alberta and partly in the North-West Territories, is probably the world's largest game sanctuary.

Very few functions have created greater interest in Shanghai than did the presentation on Sunday last to the Bishop of London as Prelate of the Order of the British Empire. In view of this it is worth recording the names of those of whom are either Members or hold higher rank in the Order, who joined in the presentation, these being as follows:—

Sir S. Barton, H. M. Consul-General; Mr. E. G. Jameson, H. M. Consul; Mr. G. W. King, Registrar of H. M. Supreme Court; Mr. H. Phillips, H. M. Consul; Mr. H. A. F. E. Arohen, H. M. Vice-Consul; Dr. E. G. Gauntlett, Lt.-Col. T. E. Trueman, Mr. L. E. Ganning, Mr. Bernard Birch, Captain G. S. Weigall, Mr. E. R. Cartwright, Col. R. M. C. Ruxton, Mr. W. W. England, the Rt. Hon. Lord Addington, Dr. J. Darroch, Lt.-Col. P. A. Cox, Mrs. Graham Barrow, Major J. T. Ford, Mr. J. C. Bosustow, Mr. H. E. Middleton, Mr. J. E. Needham and Mr. W. G. Clarke.

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The mode of wide variety which is seen in winter models, gives untold opportunities for changing silhouettes. For those who prefer the straight and simple path of smartness there is of course the simple frock which is satisfied with a flare at the hem, a straight bodice and fitted hips—or the simple two-piece frock.

Other afternoon models vary. They may have fulness above the hips—in the very chic bloused effect, or obtain fulness through darts, or shirring. The flare at the hips appears in day dresses in flounces, in puffs, or tiers. The bolero waist is particularly youthful and is found in many of the favoured models.

The fitted bodice is universally appealing and is often found accompanying the bloused waist. Graceful outlines are permitted with this new bloused effect.

A very youthful version of the new bloused effect is given by Alice White, the new and pleasant First National player, who is seen wearing a blouse frock in black satin crepe. Pleated crepe de chine collar and cuffs are used and give out a night season's most favoured combinations.

Black satin velvet or crepe are found creating many of the newest

VARIETY IN NEGLIGEEES



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In most of us there lies dormant a love for colour and the flowing lines of beauty which may be satisfied in the subtle, alluring negligee. The vogue of the pyjama is indeed a waning one and has found many devotees even among the more femininely inclined.

The flapper type, which finds its particular charms set off to greater advantage in the two-piece mode—even in the boudoir—must rely upon colour and fabric for its background. Not so the negligee.

Children of gossamer fabric in colour and appeal may be used in lines of exotic beauty. There may be wing-like draperies to add to the appeal of the picture. There may be a long train of ostrich feathers. There may be brilliant-studded motifs worked on a background of colour and velvet. In fact, there may be and generally are details of vast importance and feminine appeal.

Black, which is of so much importance in the coming winter season, also ranks high in the boudoir. Black, in sheer chiffon, molding the figure in its

models which find their way here from Paris. It is one of the accepted faces of the winter mode that at least one black afternoon frock should appear in the wardrobe.

The bloused bodice, however, does not limit its beauty and grace to the afternoon mode, but is found in the evening dress, gown and wrap. A black dress with a bloused bodice may vary the usual evening dress, the bloused bodice and creates a decidedly interesting silhouette.

under draping, possesses real charm in its winglike draperies which are frequently embroidered in gold and feature a huge chignon—flower of brilliant coloring at the shoulder.

The negligee on tea-gown which features an under draping of metallic fabric in either silver or gold or varicoloured in brilliant motifs, is particularly effective when combined with over drapings of gauze-like chiffon.

Flatter colour, which is so brightening to the drooping spirits, is always desirable at the tea and relaxation hour. It is always effectively combined with gold and in her more exotic hours, Paris has found dull violet shades particularly effective.

Pastel tints, which further, and by with daily appeal are always successful when trimmed with ostrich feathers. And this is a season when ostrich feathers triumph. In either early, slightly curled or glistering effect, they may either branch or move in a shimmering contrast to colour. Ostrich feathers in single fans or in groups are equally effective.

The flowers which have grown both more gorgeous in colouring and larger in size, are frequent additions to the negligee. They lend a brilliant and bold abundance of deep, glistening and sometimes a sparkling, sparkling quality to the evening dress. The flowers, which are used in the evening dress, are seen with trailing petals and combined with lace in many models.

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POWERS AND CHINA.

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They held that the object of the concessions proposed at the Washington Conference being to benefit China, the principal purposes to which the proceeds of the surtaxes should be devoted ought to be productive objects such as railway construction and social or economic reforms which would be a permanent benefit to the whole. The most prominent of these reforms was in their opinion the abolition of Likin which moreover was expressly contemplated in the treaty.

"11. It has been argued that debt consolidation would also be a permanent benefit to China because it would restore China's credit. This argument would doubtless be valid if there were a government in effective control over the whole country, but in China to-day debt consolidation could only enable the factions which happened to be in power in Peking to resort to fresh ruinous and unproductive borrowing. His Majesty's Government were therefore opposed to making consolidation of unsecured debt one of the purposes to be attained by the Tariff Conference although their own nationals were directly interested in funding of some of these debts.

Customs Revenues.
 "12. Further objection to the inclusion of unsecured debt amongst subjects to be dealt with at the Tariff Conference was brought into relief by the grant in principle of tariff autonomy. That raised at once in acute form the question of the control of Customs revenues. His Majesty's Government viewed with grave misgiving the proposal that foreign control should be extended over additional revenues which might be increased by tariff autonomy.

Changed Conditions.
 "In 1921 it was natural that the Powers should demand guarantees for due fulfilment of the benevolent purposes which the Washington Conference aimed at achieving. But what might have been practicable in 1921 was no longer possible in 1926. It was obvious that China would not submit to any extension of foreign control either for debt consolidation or for abolition of likin, and it seemed to His Majesty's Government that for the Powers to unite in an attempt to impose control upon an unwilling China would be entirely opposed to the spirit of the Washington treaties and to the policy which His Majesty's Government had consistently advocated. At the same time His Majesty's Government felt that it was essential that the Washington promises so long overdue should be implemented. Accordingly on May 28th last, in reply to an enquiry from the United States Government as to the attitude of His Majesty's Government towards the Tariff Conference, they proposed in a memorandum, copy of which is annexed hereto, that the Powers should abstain from any attempt to exact guarantees or conditions but should forthwith authorise the levy of the surtaxes.

An Immediate Levy.
 "13. Owing to the collapse of the Conference no action on this proposal was possible. The situation however suddenly developed in the very direction which was anticipated when the proposal was made. The Cantonese did in fact seize the Washington surtaxes by levying in defiance of treaties certain additional taxes on the foreign trade of the port. His Majesty's Government have with much reluctance joined in the protest against the new taxes for the sake of maintaining solidarity with the Powers but they are not satisfied that this is the right policy for the present situation. They regret that they did not more insistently press their views at an earlier stage of the Conference, but they think that it is still not too late, despite the protest already made, to return to the alternative course proposed in the memorandum of May 28. His Majesty's Government therefore strongly urge that the Powers should now authorise the immediate levy of the Washington surtaxes unconditionally throughout China. They hope that this may provide a basis for regularising the position at Canton.

Revision of Treaties.
 "14. The principal objection that will probably be made to this proposal is that in strict logic it

would amount to condoning a breach of treaty. This argument however does not sufficiently take into account the realities of the situation. The basic facts of the present situation are that treaties are now admittedly in many respects out-of-date and that in any attempt to secure revision, the Chinese are confronted on the one hand with the internal difficulty of their own disunion and on the other hand with the external difficulty of obtaining the unanimous concurrence of the Powers. The latest stance of this is the failure of the attempt to alter the tariff of 1858. His Majesty's Government attach the greatest importance to the sanctity of treaties, but they believe that this principle may best be maintained by a sympathetic adjustment of treaty rights to the equitable claims of the Chinese. Protests should be reserved for cases where there is an attempt at wholesale repudiation of treaty obligations or an attack on legitimate and vital interests of foreigners in China, and in these cases protests should be made effective by united action of the Powers.

United Action.
 "15. His Majesty's Government have consistently carried out the obligation to full and frank consultation imposed on all Powers alike and it has been their constant aim by Article 7 of the Nine Power Pact—sometimes even when this involved a sacrifice of their own opinion—to maintain the solidarity of the Powers. It is in pursuance of this aim that His Majesty's Government are now communicating to the Powers this statement of the principle by which they believe policy should be guided in the future. They feel assured that the Powers will share the anxiety of His Majesty's Government to act towards China in the spirit which inspired the Washington treaties. It is their earnest hope that the Powers will agree that the spirit cannot better be fulfilled than by adopting the policy which is now presented for consideration.

The First Step.
 "16. It seems to His Majesty's Government that the first step towards the carrying of this new policy into effect should be the immediate unconditional grant of the Washington surtaxes. Let it be supposed that the grant of surtaxes may favour one faction at the expense of others and so provide a further incentive to civil war. His Majesty's Government deem it important to point out that as no conditions would be attached to the grant, the proceeds of the surtaxes would not necessarily be remitted by Commissioners of Customs to the custodian bankers at Shanghai. It would in each case be for the competent Chinese authorities to decide all questions as to the disposition and banking of these additional revenues. His Majesty's Government would be glad to learn at the earliest possible moment whether the Powers agree to the unconditional grant of the Washington surtaxes.

The Memorandum of May 28.
 The following is the memorandum of May 28 mentioned above—
 "His Majesty's Government have received through the United States Embassy in London a message from the United States Government enquiring whether His Majesty's Government endorse the attitude ascribed to the British Delegation in Peking of desiring to abandon negotiations at Peking and break up the Tariff Conference; and expressing the hope that His Majesty's Government will continue to co-operate with the other interested Powers in bringing to a conclusion the task which began last October.

"His Majesty's Government desire to assure the United States Government that the report received by them that the British delegation desires to withdraw from the negotiations at Peking appears to be based on a complete misunderstanding. His Majesty's Government have no intention whatever of breaking up the Tariff Conference. It is true that the question has been considered whether at the present juncture it might not be convenient to arrange for a brief suspension of the Conference over the summer months. It was realised, however, that in the existing political circumstances the suspension of the Conference might prove to be more prolonged than was intended and in order to prevent the possibility of misunderstanding as to the sincerity of the Powers, His Majesty's

Government consider it to be of the greatest importance that before even such a suspension as above contemplated took place, there must be, firstly, a complete liquidation of the promises made at Washington.

Fear of a Deadlock.
 "A considerable interchange of views has however taken place between the Foreign Office and the delegation in regard to the proceedings of the Conference on the subject of unsecured debts, and it is probable that the misunderstanding, to which a reference is made above, has arisen in consequence of the attitude which the Delegation has been instructed to take on this matter, and which was formally stated by the Chief British Delegate at the meeting at the Netherlands Legation on May 6.

"The United States Government will no doubt recollect that His Majesty's Government were from the first averse to the imposition on the Chinese Government of any scheme of consolidation of unsecured debt as part of the work of the Tariff Conference and that they only agreed later and with great reluctance to discuss any such scheme at the Conference. If the schemes of the foreign delegations for consolidating unsecured debt should postulate too strict control over China's Customs revenues (shortly to be increased by tariff autonomy), His Majesty's Government are afraid that a dangerous deadlock may arise, for discussions on this subject show that the Chinese, though willing to bind themselves to devote a proportion of their revenues to unsecured debt consolidation to be dealt with on the lines of secured debts, have declined to allow the details to be settled by the tariff conference and will refuse to submit to any foreign control for that or any other purpose over China's Customs revenues.

Against Foreign Control.
 "His Majesty's Government after full consideration and a prolonged consultation with their delegation in Peking have come to the conclusion that while they are ready to agree to any reasonable scheme for dealing with unsecured debts put forward by the Chinese and agreed to by the other Powers, it would not be right for them to associate themselves with any attempt to force upon the Chinese a greater degree of foreign control of the revenues for that purpose than they are prepared voluntarily to concede. A policy involving an increase of foreign control and capable of being regarded as an encroachment on that sovereignty and independence of China which the Powers agreed at Washington to respect, is so fundamentally opposed to the traditional policy of the United States towards China that His Majesty's Government are disposed to believe that the State Department will share their anxiety on the subject. It is true that His Majesty's Government originally desired to exact proper guarantees from China in regard to the abolition of likin as a condition precedent to the grant of the Washington surtaxes but they have come to the conclusion in the altered circumstances and changed atmosphere that to-day any attempt to insist on guarantees against the will of the Chinese Government would only result in postponing indefinitely the liquidation of the Washington promises. They are as anxious as the United States Government fully to implement these promises at the earliest possible moment and believe that it would be contrary to the intentions of both Governments both at and subsequent to the Washington Conference to subordinate the fulfilment of these promises to the imposition upon China of a scheme for the consolidation of her unsecured debts and the extension of foreign control of her customs revenues.

Possible Dangerous Position.
 "Any failure to implement the Washington Treaty might create a very dangerous situation and His Majesty's Government now therefore hold the view that if any reasonable assurances are given by the Chinese Government as to the use which it proposes to make of the new revenues, the Powers should accept such assurances, abstain from any attempt to impose control or exact guarantees, and forthwith authorize the levy of the surtaxes. They feel confident that a policy so closely in accord with the friendship and generosity always displayed by the United States of America towards the people of China will receive the full and cordial support of the United States Government."

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